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Comment of the day

TWILIGHT OF THE TRIADS?

MANY who have little or no acquaintance of the East will have heard of the exploits of Chinese Triad Societies. Their history dates back to shortly after the fall of the Ming dynasty when they were a secret society more akin to a guerrilla organization pledged to work for the restoration of the old and the downfall of the new Imperial house. If they failed in their avowed aim, they at least had the satisfaction of outliving the dynasty.

In recent years they have acquired a world-wide reputation of a Mafia-like secret gangster organization but today they are cut off from their homeland by a government which has only one answer for clandestine opposition—the firing squad. And the surviving Triads cling desperately to pockets of Chinese civilization in Formosa, Hongkong and South-east Asia.

HERE they survive, largely because of economic conditions. For security's sake many people with an uncertain livelihood are prepared to pay for the protection the Triads promise. As the new book published recently by Government and reviewed yesterday in the China Mail points out, the societies are now disintegrating because factional feuds and personal ambition have undermined their unity.

Let us hope that what we are witnessing is the twilight of the Triads, but the Police Commissioner's warning of the danger of resurgence should discourage complacency. The allusion Mr Henth made to the incident of 1941 is far grimmer than the show of strength staged by the Triads in 1966. Twenty years ago, a wholesale massacre was planned which would have enabled the Japanese to walk into Hongkong.

Triad membership today numbers one in six of the population, and although only a small number are active, there is no reason to underestimate their potential. The author of "Triad Societies in Hongkong," Detective Sub-Inspector Morgan feels that immediate and unrelenting action is needed to seal their doom and the public can only hope that publication of this book marks another stage in the anti-Triad campaign and foreshadows further measures to weaken their hold on the people.

THE Police have done an extremely good job in measures so far taken. The information given them by former officials has provided a clear insight into Triad activities and practices. And this should do much to dispel the aura of mystery and fascination with which these hoodlums have been regarded for so long.

What the police need to make clear in their publicity and in their dealings with Triad victims is that men who claim such romantic titles as "White Paper Fan," "Straw Sandals" and "Fighter" are but common street thugs and extortionists with no higher principles or ideals than the common bully or blackguard, and that they survive only because spineless victims allow them to profit from their fear. It is to be hoped that parts of this excellent book can be turned into a leaflet for mass distribution to show Hongkong people how far Government has succeeded in "destroying" their "ludicrous power."

Definite sense of disappointment over disarmament IKE'S FAREWELL TO NATION

World urged to avoid becoming community of fear and hate

Washington, Jan. 17.

President Eisenhower said in an address to the nation tonight that he was retiring from office "with a definite sense of disappointment" at the failure of East and West to resolve their sharp differences over disarmament.

7 die in train crash

New Orleans, Jan. 17. The crack City of New Orleans Express train collided with a petrol lorry on a level-crossing here today, and at least seven people were killed.

Among the dead were the train driver and fireman and the lorry-driver. The other four were labourers unloading a goods train nearby.

The body of one of the train crew was found 400 yards away.

The lorry exploded after the collision and burning petrol cascaded over the labourers as they worked on the next track. The express engine was also engulfed in flames.

The crash occurred at Magnolia, north of New Orleans. The express was bound for Chicago. — Reuter.

U.S.\$2 million missing from bank

Sheldon, Iowa, Jan. 17. Where did the money go? Why did she take it?

A dumbfounded Iowa Community which awoke on Tuesday morning to find one of its respected banks closed and a prominent citizen in jail for embezzling \$2 million could only wonder.

The answers apparently remain with Mrs Burnice Iverson Gelfer, 58, a conservative, almost shy—assistant cashier and board member of the Sheldon National Bank.

A routine audit by Federal Bank examiners turned up the alleged shortages at the bank.

Then U.S. District Attorney F. E. van Alstine said Mrs Gelfer admitted embezzling \$2,120,650—one of the largest amounts ever taken in banking history in America.

NOT DETERMINED

Mr William Cray, an Assistant U.S. District Attorney, said it had not been determined how she manipulated the embezzlement or how she spent the money. It apparently was taken over a long period of time, he said.

"She had a way of covering up," Mr Van Alstine said. He declined to discuss the case further, pending the convening of a grand jury at Sioux City on January 30.

Mrs Gelfer waived hearing and was held for the grand jury when arraigned before U.S. Commissioner William Forker at Sioux City. Bond was set at \$10,000. She did not immediately make bail.

Mrs Gelfer and her husband, Wallace, are members of prominent and long-time Sheldon families. They had no children. — AP.

The President, in a farewell address before his retirement on Friday, urged the world to "avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."

"Such a confederation must be one of equals," he went on. "The weakest must come to the conference table with the same competence as do we, protected as we are by our moral, economic, and military strength. That table, though scoured by many past frustrations, cannot be abandoned for the certain agony of the battlefield."

Mutual honour

The President said that disarmament, with mutual honour and competence is a continuing imperative.

"Together we must learn how to compete peacefully, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose," he observed.

"Because this need is so sharp and apparent I confess that I lay down my official responsibility in this field with a definite sense of disappointment."

"As one who has witnessed the horror and the lingering sadness of war—as one who knows that another war could utterly destroy this civilisation which has been

whether foreign or domestic, great or small, there is a recurring temptation to feel that some spectacular and costly action could become the miraculous solution to all current difficulties.

"There is a huge increase in newer elements of our defence, development of unrealistic programmes to cure every ill in agriculture; a dramatic expansion in basic and applied research—these and many other possibilities, each possibly promising in itself, may be suggested as the only way to the road we wish to travel."

But, Mr Eisenhower said, each proposal must be weighed in the light of a broader consideration: the need to maintain a balance between programmes to offset the actions of a hostile, aesthetic ideology abroad and to ensure the future welfare of the country.

Warning

The President, noting that Government expenditures on military security totalled more than the net income of all United States corporations, warned against the rise of "unwarranted influence, by the military-industrial complex."

"The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist," he said. "We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes." — Reuter.

Soviets may attempt space flight

Washington, Jan. 17. Speculation that Russia may attempt a spectacular space flight to coincide with President-elect Kennedy's inauguration on Friday increased here today with the news that a fourth Soviet ship had appeared in the North Pacific.

The Navy said patrol aircraft had spotted the ship, the Suchan, 1,000 miles due south of the Aleutian island of Attu. It was moving on a southeasterly course at nine knots, the Navy said.

Three other missile-tracking ships—the Chokota, the Sibir and the Sukholin—were reported in the Pacific over the weekend.

TRY OUT

All four vessels were said to be carrying helicopters, which could be used to recover a space capsule from the sea. Some U.S. Air Force sources have suggested that the Soviet Union in its man-in-space programme, may be attempting short ballistic flights before trying to put a man in orbit round the earth, this is the method the United States is pursuing in its "Project Mercury."

Last Friday, a U.S. tracking station in Alaska detected and tracked an object with missile characteristics coming from the Soviet Union and heading out into the Pacific. Its flight was apparently short, and there was speculation that it was a ballistic flight. — Reuter.

Munro-Smith acquitted of dangerous driving



Bruce Munro-Smith

Bruce Munro-Smith, of 801 Loko Yew Building, was this morning acquitted by Mr I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court on a summons for dangerous driving but was fined \$750 for driving without a valid licence and driving a car with defective brakes.

Munro-Smith was charged as a sequel to a fatal traffic accident at Johnston-road on August 17 last year in which a 11-year-old boy was killed. In his judgment, Mr Morris said that countless people nowadays had experienced the grief or anxiety that a careless or dangerous driver could cause. More and more motorists had come to know the sudden lurking perils that might lead to disaster he added.

STARK FACT

"All this is bringing home to everyone the stark fact that the danger on the roads in this Colony is not something to be read about in statistics; not just something that affects the other fellow." It is a matter of grave personal concern to each one of us," he continued.

Mr Morris also said that the danger on the roads from the incompetent, the selfish, the lunatic and occasionally the alcoholic at the wheel was undoubtedly real.

He said that in the case of Munro-Smith it was easy to understand how the prosecution came to suspect him of dangerous driving but "unless there is evidence to justify a conviction the defendant must be acquitted."

"I have considered the facts of this case very carefully and I have come to the conclusion that there is a very serious doubt as to his guilt and the charge of dangerous driving is consequently dismissed," Mr Morris said.

In the previous hearings, eye-witnesses testified that they saw a small boy being dragged along under defendant's car.

The witnesses also said they had shouted to the driver to stop, which he did about 150 feet further on.

Munro-Smith had 12 previous traffic convictions from 1951 to 1956 and among them was one for driving under the influence of alcohol in which he was represented by Mr J. C. B. Black of Messrs Deacons.

K's blueprint for world domination

Moscow, Jan. 17.

The Soviet Union today published Mr Nikita Khrushchev's complete detailed blueprint on how he expects Communism to take over the world.

His 20,000-word speech—one of the frankest and most important documents printed here since World War II—proclaimed that "the victory of socialism on a world scale, inevitable by the laws of historical development, is no longer far off."

"War is not needed for the victory."

But he said, if capitalism tries to resist then the working classes must "resort to arms" to bring about a worldwide dictatorship of the proletariat.

Mr Khrushchev's speech was in the form of a report to a general meeting of party organisations on January 6 on the correct interpretation of the Communist summit declaration adopted by 81 parties last autumn. His speech was printed today in the January issue of the magazine Kommunist.

Main point

On war, his main point was that it was to communism's advantage to prevent a full-scale thermonuclear conflict, and to snuff out brush fire wars which could spread.

However, he threw the full support of the world Communist movement behind a third class war which he called wars of national liberation. He gave the present Algerian conflict as an example.

"It is a sacred war," he said in the strongest common language yet made on that struggle. "We recognise such wars. We have helped and shall go on helping people fighting for their freedom."

He mentioned Fidel Castro's revolution in Cuba as another example, but noted the "USA did not directly intervene in that war. Led by Fidel Castro the people of Cuba won."

Then, just to underline the point about the third class of war, he declared:

In vanguard

"Communists support such wars fully and without reservation and march in the vanguard of people fighting for liberation."

He listed the French campaign of 1953-54 in Indo-China as an example of a dangerous local war but did not mention the present day situation in Laos.

A sample he gave of local wars was the Anglo-French intervention at Suez in 1956. He took full credit for its failure. — AP.

Politician pelted with tomatoes

Nairobi, Jan. 17.

Mr Michael Blundell, leader of the New Kenya Party, was pelted with tomatoes and rotten eggs when he addressed a settlers' meeting at Londiani in the White Highlands this afternoon.

They were thrown by Europeans in the audience.

Mr Blundell has proposed a land reform policy for Kenya which would open up the country's European highlands to African farmers. He and Sir Ferdinand Cavendish-Bentinck, leader of the newly-formed coalition party, are rival candidates for the Rift Valley European-reserved seat in the primary elections which start in Kenya tomorrow.

Candidates receiving 25 per cent support in these primaries will be eligible to stand for the reserved seats in next month's General Election. This will be held on a common roll and the vast majority of electors will be Africans.

AFRICAN PARTIES

Two rival African parties, the Kenya African National Union (KANU) and the Kenya African Democratic Union (KADU) are also contesting the General Election, which will give Africans a majority in the Legislative Council for the first time.

Police fear further trouble, involving the use of weapons, between KANU and KADU at Rift Valley in the White Highlands. Chief Inspector Charles Long told Nakuru magistrates court today.

Inspector Long led baton charges by police against crowds of fighting Africans in Nakuru on Sunday and last night.

Eight men and one woman, all KANU supporters, pleaded not guilty to being in the company of people who had offensive weapons—sticks, iron bars and stones. — Reuter.

'Secret' papers faked — Embassy

London, Jan. 17.

American security officials in London and Washington were tonight trying to trace the source of the photographic copies of two alleged "secret" documents reported today to have "looked" through the security net in London.

A statement issued by the American Embassy tonight said investigation failed to reveal the existence of either of the two supposed "secret" documents referred to in newspaper reports today.

The statement added that it was clear that one of the documents, purported to have been issued by the US State Department, was a "fabrication from start to finish."

Inquiries were being made under the military authority in the United States tonight to try to find whether the second document ever existed.

The State Department document purported to be one of the thousands of airmails received by the American Embassy in London last year. It carried the serial No. C.A.-974, was dated June 10, 1960 and classified as secret.

PARSON'S TRIP

The Embassy spokesman said the document had been faked by somebody who had a surface knowledge of the Embassy system.

Checks in the files showed there was, in fact, an airmail circular with the serial No. C.A.-974 but this document was dated July 29, 1959, and referred to the trip abroad of an American clergyman and his wife and asked the Embassy to extend the usual courtesies.

The number in this C.A. serial by June 1960 had reached 10,000.

The spokesman said photographic copies of the two documents had been sent to a national newspaper, and copies of the photographs had been studied at the Embassy.

The hoax document disclosed a "type of activity" which everyone knew was engaged in. The object of the hoax was apparently to help sow dissension between the allies.

NO TRACED

The spokesman said it was not known whether an individual was responsible for the photographic copies, or whether an organisation was at work.

The spokesman said the second document, which had not yet been traced, included instructions stamped: "Department of the Army, Office of the Adjutant General."

The first hoax document had been stamped with the signature "Horner."

The second document purported to have been issued for the Army Secretary by Maj-Gen. Herbert M. Jones. — Reuter.

MILITARY ARREST 30 CONGO POLICE

Leopoldville, Jan. 17.

Military police today swooped on Lufungula camp in Leopoldville and arrested 30 Congolese policemen.

All the police at the camp, which comes under the authority of Leopoldville provincial administration, were ordered to parade and the names of 30 men accused of "insubordination" were read out.

The military police disarmed them in a brisk struggle, then ordered them into lorries and took them to an unidentified prison camp.

Support

Fairly widespread unrest has been reported in and near Leopoldville among police and troops who have been agitating

over pay, rations and conditions. At some camps they have turned against their officers.

So far, Colonel Joseph Mobutu, the army commander, with the support of President Kasavubu and the Leopoldville provincial administration has been able to quell the disorders and settle at least some of the dissatisfaction.

The Courrier d'Afrique, a Leopoldville newspaper, said in an editorial today that Mr Dag Hammarskjöld's rejection of the demand by President Kasavubu for the recall of his Indian representatives, Mr Rajadurai Dayal, would "create

one more obstacle in the way of a solution of the Congo crisis."

It urged President Kasavubu to "stand firm" by his demand. Mr Dayal was blamed by the Congo authorities last Saturday for being "at least partly responsible for the UN failure to maintain law and order."

Conference

Meanwhile, it was reported that President Kasavubu had threatened to stop the UN conciliation commission working in the Congo unless Mr Dayal was dismissed. — Reuter & AP.



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AUTHOR PRESENTS HOME SECRETARY WITH NEW BOOK Did an innocent man hang?

'MURDERS ATTRIBUTED TO WRONG PERSON'

London, Jan. 17.

An author who believes Britain hanged an innocent man in 1949 yesterday called at the Home Office to deliver to Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, a book in which he expounds this view.

He was Mr Ludovic Kennedy, author, lecturer and television personality, whose book "Ten Rillington Place" was published today by Victor Gollancz.

The copy delivered in Whitehall was inscribed "to the Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon. R.A. Butler, in the belief that he may do what is right to redress what is wrong."

Mr Butler's private secretary said he was sure the minister would see the book and an accompanying letter at the earliest opportunity. The Home Office had already received a copy from another source.

The subject with which Mr Kennedy deals — the "Evans and Christie" case — has become Britain's most controversial murder story of the century.

Mr Kennedy passionately believes Evans was executed for a murder committed by the mass killer John Reginald Halliday Christie.

He argues skillfully for Evans and produces some new evidence

and theories. He also appeals for a fresh inquiry to clear the name of Evans so that his remains can be taken from London's Pentonville Prison and given a "decent, Catholic burial" elsewhere.

Evans — described by Kennedy as a 28-year-old with a ten-and-a-half-year-old brain — was hanged for the murder of his baby daughter Geraldine. The child's body, with that of her mother, had been found strangled in the wash-house of 10, Rillington Place.

Confession

At his trial Evans repeatedly asserted the murders were the work of Christie, then living with his wife Ethel in the ground floor of the same house.

Mr Evans had previously confessed to the police that he had committed both murders, the jury refused to believe him.

He appealed but this was rejected and after studying all the documents, the then Home Secretary Mr Chuter Ede, could not recommend a reprieve to King George VI. Evans went to the gallows with few believing his desperate pleas of innocence.

Four years later, four more bodies, including that of Ethel Christie, were found at 10, Rillington Place.

All had been strangled — on his own admission — by Christie, in addition the skeletons of two other women were found in the garden.

Admission

Christie admitted to having strangled the women buried in the garden in 1943 and 1944 — so that two of his victims were already lying dead on the premises at the time Evans was convicted and hanged.

When questioned by police and doctors, and at his trial, Christie admitted all the murders — and said he had killed his Evans too.

Following a public outcry the then Home Secretary Sir David Maxwell Fyfe (now Lord Kilbride) ordered an inquiry under an eminent Queen's Counsel, Mr John Scott Henderson.

Certain

He reported, just before Christie was hanged, that he was satisfied there had been "no ground for thinking there might have been any miscarriage of justice" in the conviction of Evans for the murder of his daughter.

While Christie did not admit to having killed the baby, Kennedy is certain that he did so. — China Mail Special.

King in battle of streamers



After six months

ROYAL COUPLE GO HOME

Geneva, Jan. 17. King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Sirikit of Thailand left for home tonight after a six-month stay in Europe and the United States.

The plane will stop tomorrow morning at Karachi, where the King and the Queen will be welcomed at a brief airport ceremony by the Acting President of Pakistan, Lt. Gen. Buzio, Pakistani government officials and members of the local diplomatic corps.

Before embarking, the King told correspondents: "The Lao-tian situation will naturally be my first concern... but we are counting on our allies, particularly the United States."

During the last lap of the trip tomorrow afternoon, the royal jet will be escorted by a squadron of Royal Thai Saboteurs and the Thai radio network will make contact with the plane and broadcast approach and landing procedures.

A three-day national holiday will mark the homecoming of the royal couple.—UPI.

Royal Council

London, Jan. 17. The Queen today named a six-member Royal Council of State to act for her during her Asian tour.

The Council, largely honorary, handles mostly ceremonial tasks in the Monarch's absence from the country.—UPI.

U.S. SHOOTING TRAGEDY: FAMILY OF SIX FOUND DEAD

New York, Jan. 17.

A man in Grand Blanc Michigan, shot and killed his wife and four children today, then turned a hunting rifle on himself, police said.

Dead are Thomas Clark, 37, and his wife, Janet, also 37, and their four children, Carl, 12, Kathleen, 11, Karen, 10, and Kurt, 8.

The pyjama-clad bodies of Mrs Clark and the children were found in bed on the second floor of their two-story home.

Police said each had been shot once with a rifle. Clark's body was found fully clothed in a downstairs bedroom. A rifle was beside him. Neighbors reported Clark had been despondent lately.—AP.

Firecrackers seized in Singapore

From GORDON HUNG

Singapore, Jan. 17. In one of their biggest hauls in 20 years, the Singapore Customs seized 448 cases of firecrackers worth HK\$180,000.

The wooden cases in which the crackers were packed were marked "preserved food." They came from Hongkong and were consigned to a firm whose name did not appear on the official register.

The freighter, Negobias, in which the crackers were shipped, unladen the cargo into two lighters.

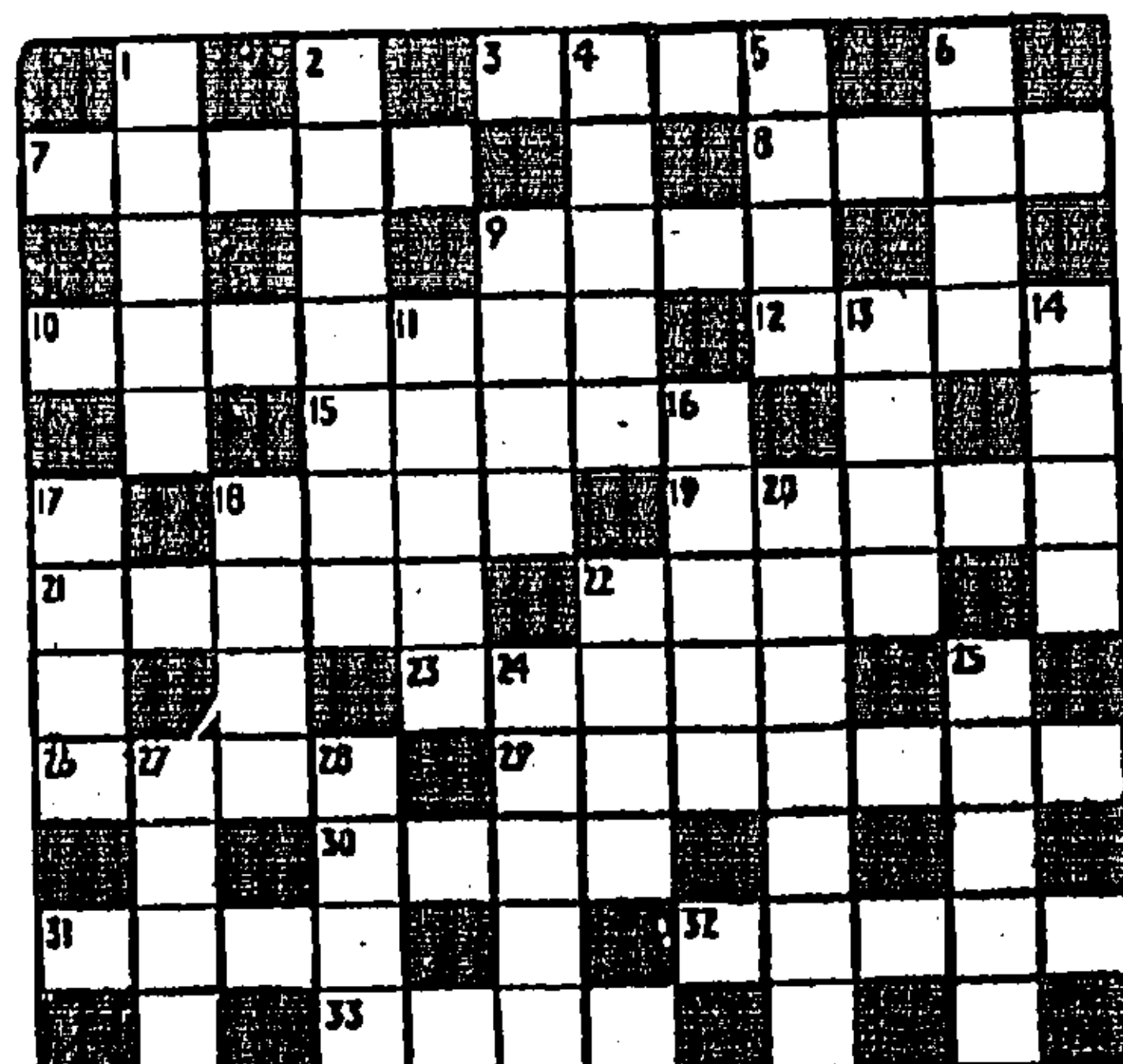
It is understood the consignment was meant for the Federation where the import of crackers is prohibited.

Royal visit

Copenhagen, Jan. 17. King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark are to pay a short official visit to Thailand, a court official announced this morning.

The visit will probably take place early next year, he said, but no final date has been fixed.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 See that dog? (4)
- 7 Go by moped? (5)
- 8 Heads of corn (4)
- 9 Geometrical high-spot. (4)
- 10 Foretell, old man! (7)
- 12 One of those new places? (4)
- 15 Is it work or play? (5)
- 18 Skidded across. (4)
- 21 Not quite O.S. (4)
- 22 Devoid of colour. (5)
- 23 Observance, Correct? (4)
- 24 Not to be laughed at. (5)
- 26 For decoration, Dad got no marks. (4)
- 28 Scarcely human? (3, 4)
- 29 Beaten hollow? (4)
- 31 Type of noli. (4)
- 32 Danger on the seat? (5)
- 33 Buzzed off? (4)

DOWN

- 1 Treat with disdain. (5)
- 2 The set to comfort you. (7)
- 4 Musician who smokes? (8)
- 5 New or Old Testament extract. (4)
- 6 Just fall to win. (4)
- 9 Over three years and ten? (4)
- 11 Monkeying about? (5)
- 13 Monstrous being (4)
- 14 Leon overturned him. (4)
- 16 And kicking? (5)
- 17 Dawn breaks—the baton! (4)
- 18 Out-house. (4)
- 20 Montmartre studio? (7)
- 22 Completely engrossed. (4)
- 24 Scope for cooking? (5)
- 25 Some silk or wool? (5)
- 27 All asleep. (4)
- 28 What are they? (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Cutter, 7 Rude, 8 Flint, 11 Stone, 12 Wire, 13 Contingent, 15 Izo, 16 ENBA, 17 Press-agent, 22 Rent, 24 Irena, 25 Irony, 26 Tree, 27 Plumes, 28 Down, 29 Union, 31 Flute, 32 Design, 33 Downing. Down: 1 Flute, 2 Rude, 3 Cutter, 4 Teatrick, 5 Spare, 6 Aisle, 7 Rude, 8 Flint, 9 Izo, 10 Stone, 11 Wire, 12 Contingent, 13 Izo, 14 ENBA, 15 Press-agent, 16 Rent, 17 Irena, 18 Irony, 19 Tree, 20 Plumes, 21 Down, 22 Union, 23 Flute, 24 Design, 25 Downing, 26 Rude, 27 Flute, 28 Izo, 29 Stone.

U.S. demands end to Communist airlift

Washington, Jan. 17.

The United States issued a new demand today that Russia halt its airlift of arms and ammunition to Communist forces in Laos.

The State Department in effect rejected an official Soviet claim that Moscow "is trying to extinguish the blaze of the spreading fire in Laos."

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White, commenting on the Soviet claim, said sharply: "So far as the United States is concerned, the Communist airlift is not carrying water" to extinguish the conflict.

WRONG-DOING

The fact is, Mr White charged, the Communists are "attempting to turn the whole situation on its head by accusing us of wrong-doing" and claiming they are trying to end the war.

While denouncing the Russian airlift and aid, Mr White said the United States has limited its assistance only to that requested by "the legal Government of Laos."

That aid has included four propeller-driven training aircraft and four helicopters. Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Komarov told Mr Thompson

The King and Queen of Siam, who stayed in Gstaad, Swiss winter-sport resort, over the New Year holidays joined wholeheartedly in the New Year's Eve revels at the Palace Hotel.

When people tossed paper balls and balloons at the royal couple, they returned the fire with paper streamers.

The king left the dance earlier than expected and went back to the royal apartment with Queen Sirikit, who said: "We were suddenly bombarded, but we also had our fun."

The king, however, looked agitated when Fred Deroy, a dancing school teacher from Lausanne, tried to put a live good-luck pig in the Queen's lap.

The picture shows the Siamese King and Queen at the New Year's Eve celebrations. The king counter-attacks in the battle of streamers. — London Express Service.

Asia talks

Manila, Jan. 18. The Asian little summit, attended by the Foreign Ministers of Nationalist China, South Korea, South Vietnam and the Philippines, opened at 9.40 am today in the conference room of the National Defence Department in nearby Quezon City.—UPI.

DICK POWELL'S \$2.5 MIL. FOR JUNE ALLYSON

Santa Monica, Jan. 17.

Actress June Allyson today filed suit for divorce from Dick Powell, after he signed a settlement giving her \$2.5 million.

Filing of the suit came as Powell was reported to be flying to Hollywood from Europe to "find out what the heck this is all about."

Powell insisted he knew nothing about his wife's decision except what he read in the papers. Miss Allyson, 33, charged "extreme cruelty."

Miss Allyson would receive custody of the two children, Pamela, 11, and Ricki, 6, under proposed terms of the settlement.

"It's a kind of rough way to hear about it," Powell was quoted as saying in London, referring to newspaper stories and a call from his wife's lawyer.

However, the lawyer said Powell "has already signed the property agreement and that's certain."

He said Powell was in Europe on business for his four-star TV productions with partner David Niven, but had signed the property settlement and returned papers to the lawyer's office.

AGE GAP

A substantial difference in ages — 21 years — was blamed by friends for contributing to the split.

It was the second time they have been parted. The first, was in 1957, but they were reconciled within four weeks.

It was Miss Allyson's first marriage and Powell's third. He first married Mildred Maund of Arkansas, and later, actress Joan Blondell.—UPI.

BIG SOVIET TANKER DODGES U.S. NAVY

Havana, Jan. 17.

The 35,000-ton Soviet oil tanker Mir has arrived at Havana port after a detour to avoid patrolling US ships. Today it was unloading 260,000 barrels of oil.

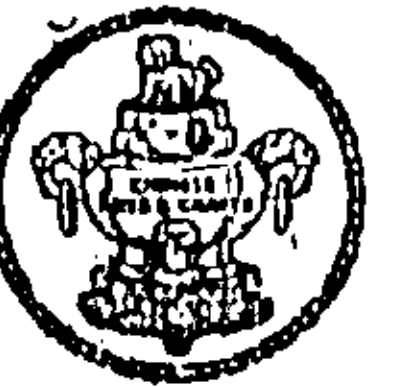
About 150 U.S. naval ships are now on manoeuvres in the Caribbean sea. Three days ago, the Soviet oil tanker Everdovsk was stopped by U.S. ships, resulting in a Soviet protest to Washington.

This was the first time the Mir has carried oil from Cuban to the Cuban capital.—AP.

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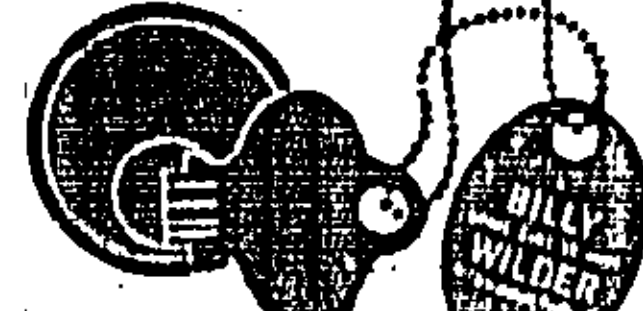
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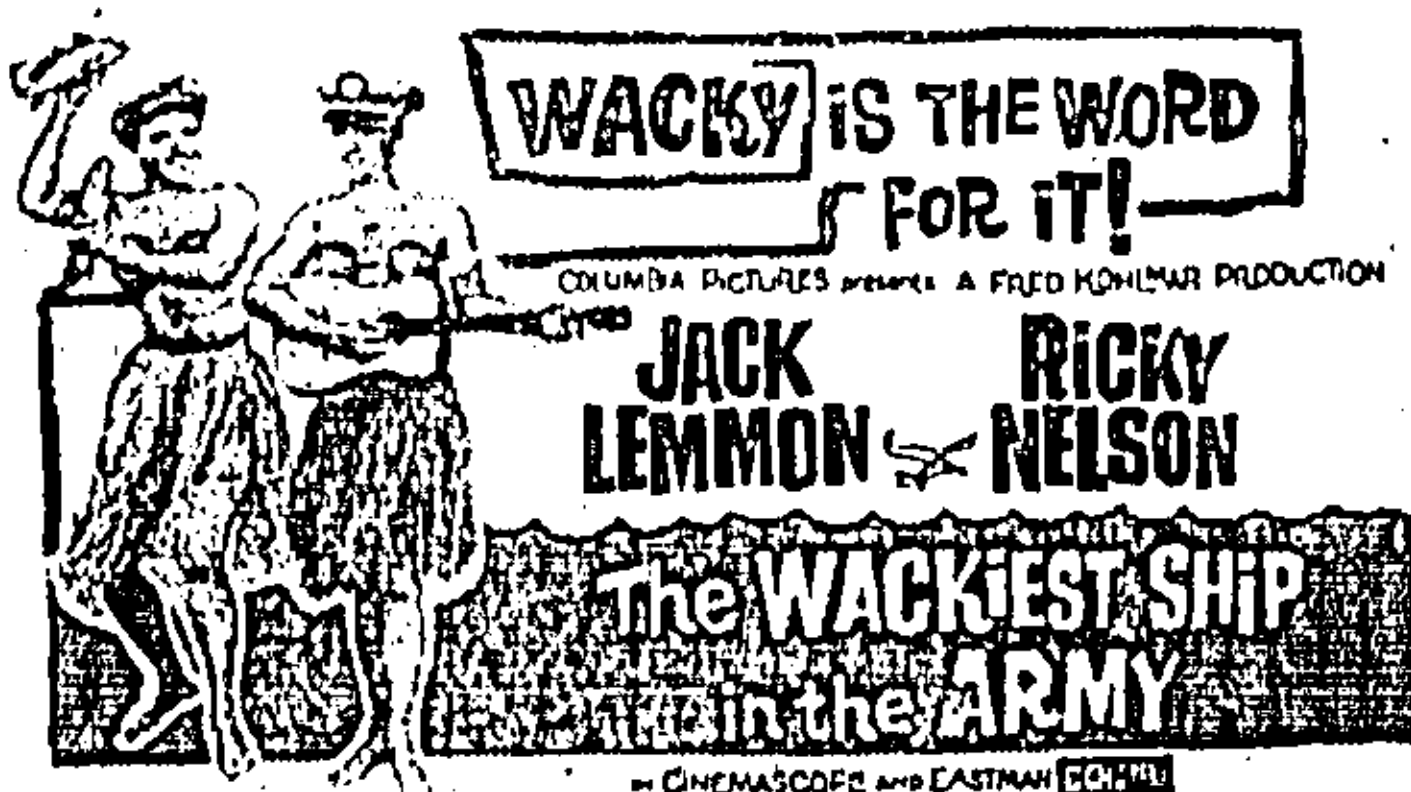
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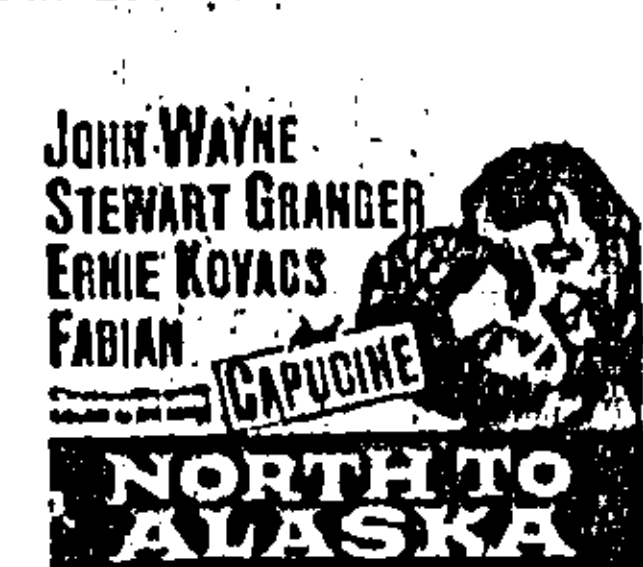
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Next Change —
"Visit To A Small Planet"

Stationed in North Sea BBC THREATENS FLOATING RADIO STATION

London, Jan. 17.
The British Broadcasting Corporation today threatened "action" if wavelengths used by a proposed commercial floating radio station in the North Sea—"Veronica"—interfered with the Corporation's transmissions or reception.

In Antarctic AUSTRALIANS VISIT RUSSIANS

Moscow, Jan. 17.
Members of the Australian Antarctic Expedition are visiting the Soviet Antarctic Observatory at Mirny, the Soviet news agency Tass said tonight.

It was the fifth time a party of Australians had visited the station. The Australians are sailing aboard the chartered Danish ship Tala-Dan to replace personnel of the Australian Davis and Mawson stations. Tass said the chief of the Fifth Soviet Antarctic mission expedition reported the Australian explorers had been given a warm welcome—UPI.

MICKEY ROONEY SUED BY FOURTH WIFE DEFENDED BY HIS FIFTH

Santa Monica, Jan. 17.
Mickey Rooney's fifth wife charged today that his fourth wife coerced the actor into signing a support agreement.

The present wife, Mrs. Barbara Rooney, made her allegations in an affidavit filed on behalf of Rooney in superior court. Barbara asserted that Rooney signed an agreement for US\$1,750 a month support to the former Elaine Mahken Rooney only after Elaine threatened to destroy Barbara's "good name and Mickey's career."

Elaine has sued Rooney for US\$30,432 she claims he owes in back support payments. But Rooney has filed a counter suit,

asking Elaine to show cause why the support payments should not be reduced to 150 dollars a month. In her affidavit, Barbara stated: "It is possible that the court of our state will enforce an agreement that a man has signed which he was actually forced and coerced into signing by a faithless wife."

Barbara said Elaine has no children; has income from property given to her by two former husbands, and is paid for television appearances—AP.

LETTERS FROM YOU TO THE EDITOR

I blame the customer

Your leader of January 16, under the heading "Service with a Snarl," holds it to be a matter of fundamental right that good service, (including on-the-spot replacement of spares), should form a part of the sale of utility articles and goes on to regret that many local firms are anxious only to close a sale without concern for the service which should follow.

It is a merchant's pursuit to supply demand at a profit and a customer's pursuit to have demand supplied satisfactorily and at a competitive price.

If, as your leader suggests, there is a demand for service and this demand is not being supplied then, since it is natural for demand and supply to seek each other out, the conclusion that it is purely the avarice of merchants which prevents the twain meeting, may be a rather superficial one.

If the local merchant conceives a future for himself in Hong-kong then a lack of intelligence would be indicated if he concerned himself only with the present—a lack of intelligence for which, commercially,

dear sir

ly, Hongkong merchants are not really noted for their reason, perhaps, lies elsewhere. And I would suggest that a combination of avarice and stupidity on the part of local customers could have some bearing upon the situation.

Customers here may have grown so accustomed to what is virtually a free market in all senses that their sole concern is with buying at bargain basement prices.

That they have been encouraged to do so by merchants who have found "bargain prices" the easiest if not the only means of selling, is really beside the point. Whatever means are employed by a merchant to sell, as a merchant, his only possible motive is profit.

In fact, it may be that local customers have become so pre-occupied with having de-

Only 3 more days to go EISENHOWER ON U.S. FOREIGN AID PROGRAMME

Washington, Jan. 17.
President Eisenhower, who steps down from the Presidency in three days time, said today that events during 1960 had emphasised the need for a strong United States foreign aid programme.

Eat now pay later

London, Jan. 17.
The British Hotels and Restaurants Association is launching a credit scheme enabling travellers to stay at British hotels or to dine at restaurants, sign the bill, and pay later, the association said today. Already many of the association's 4,000 member establishments throughout Britain have agreed to take part. The scheme will come into operation on May 1.—China Mail Special.

REPORT ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN BRITAIN

London, Jan. 17.
Most child crimes in Britain come not from babies born in the worst war years but from those who were just old enough—four or five years old—to have suffered from its effects.

This is the interesting finding of a Government report, "Delinquent generations." It substantiates the theory of the sociologist, Miss Margery Fry—a theory she was unable to prove in her day—that the year of birth is closely associated with delinquency rates.

The danger reaches a crisis period when the child is between four and five. When they are at these ages, according to the report, social disturbances may influence them towards

crime more than disturbances when they are at other ages. But the problem of "teddy boys"—a problem common to most countries since the war—remained a big puzzle to the researchers.

DISTURBING FEATURE

Mr. Leslie T. Wilkins, the author of the report, says: "One of the most disturbing features of the pattern of postwar criminal statistics is the recent crime wave among young adult males between 17 and 21 associated with certain forms of dress and other social phenomena."

"It is true that this age group was born before the war (1935-39) and passed through their critical ages during the war, but this does not explain the recent trend in their crime pattern." Reassuringly, Mr. Wilkins adds: "Children born during the war have not as yet shown any tendency towards excess criminality." — China Mail Special.

Gift for Vietnam

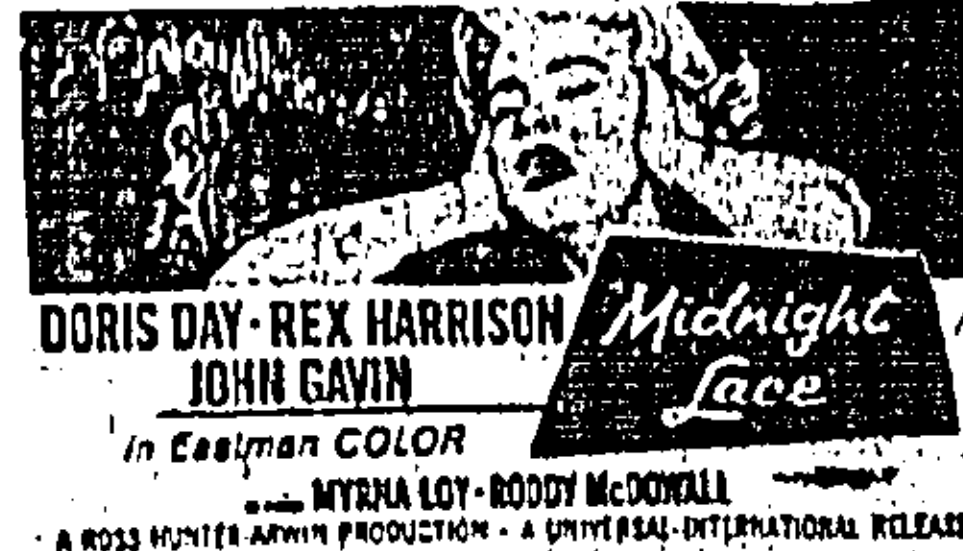
Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 17.
The Federation of Malaya presented several cars, guns and ammunition as a gift to South Vietnam, a reliable source said here today.

The gift was handed over to a South Vietnam police mission last Sunday before they left for home after a brief training at the Malayan Police Headquarters here. According to the source, the gift was from a surplus stock of the equipment used during the anti-Communist emergency. — Reuters.

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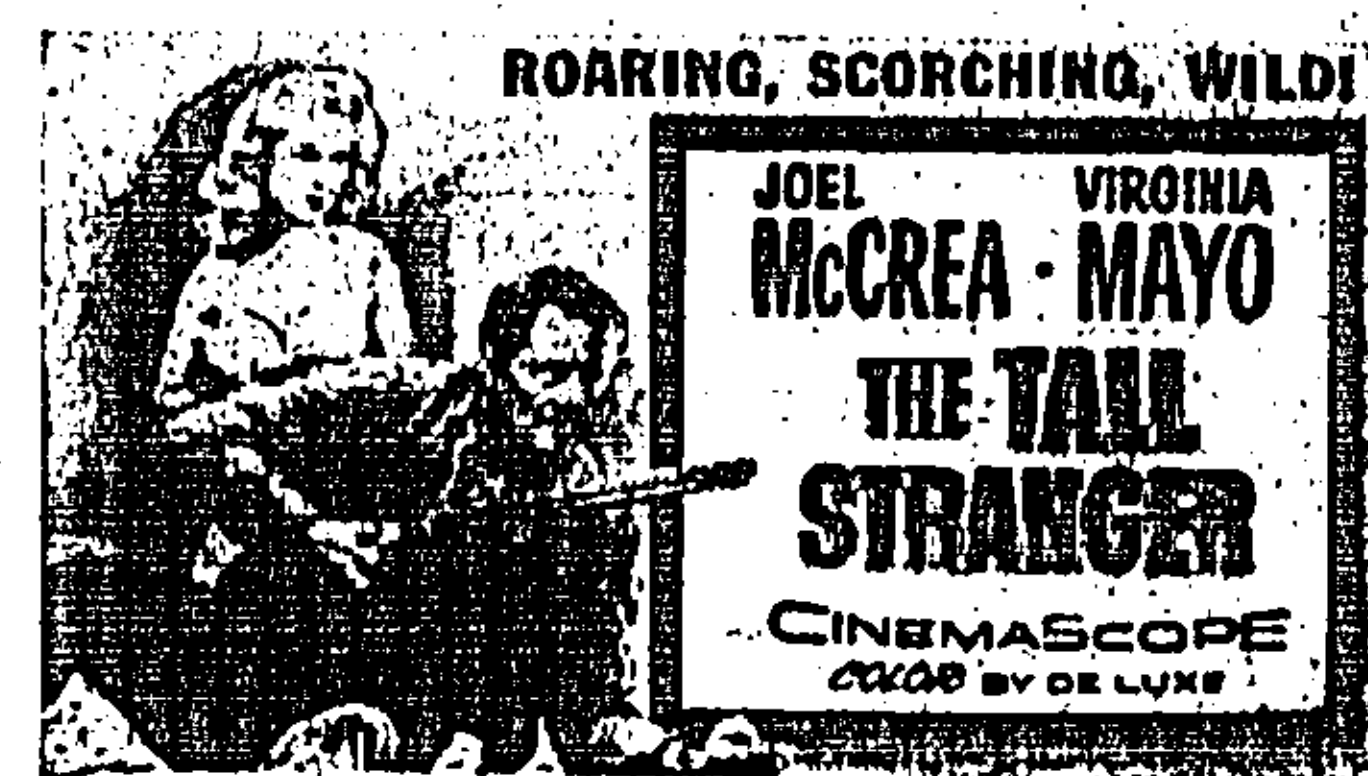
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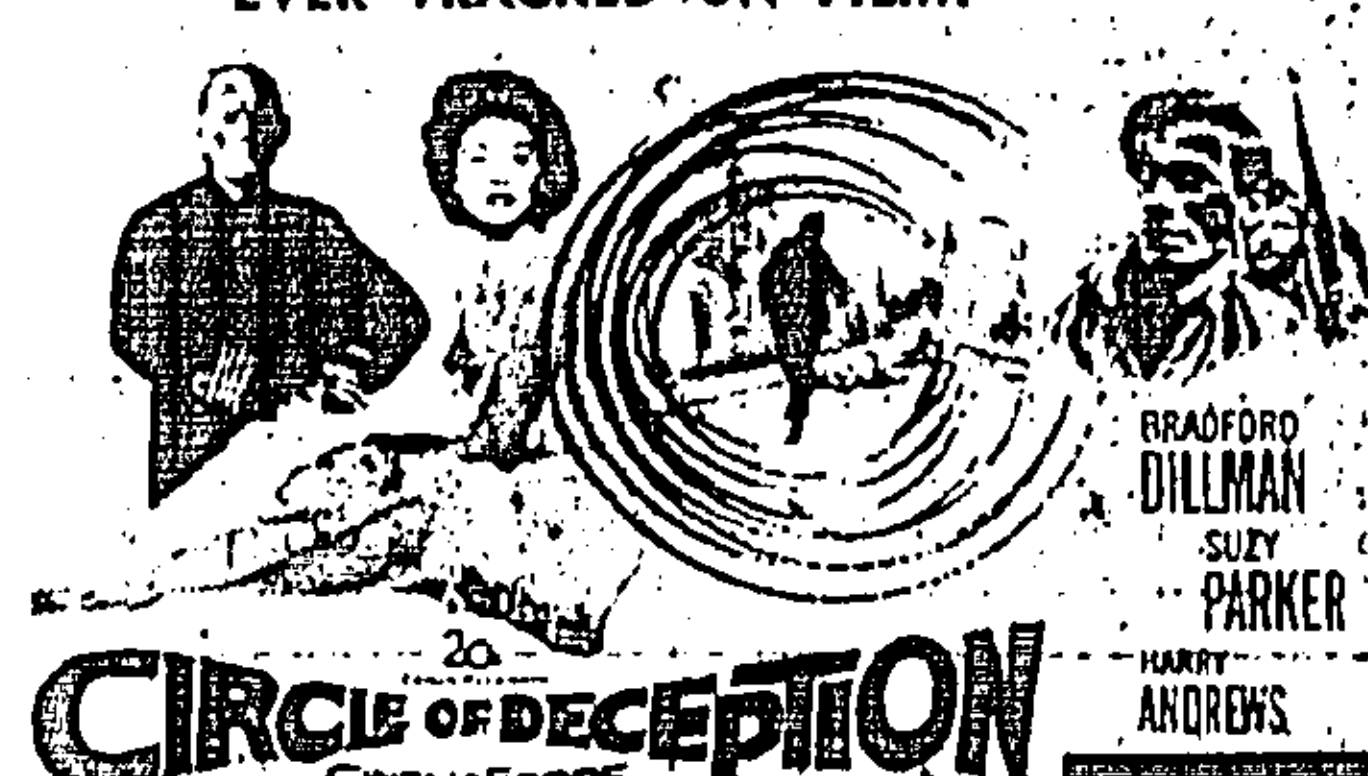
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Captain Kong's dilemma

Tokyo, Jan. 17.
Capt. Kong Le of the Laotian rebels said today he has not yet decided whether to attack the Laotian royal capital of Luang Prabang, the Communist radio Voice of Laos reported.

He said "we still have to take into consideration the personal safety" of King Savang-Vatthana—UPI.

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The Most Superior Person

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Bonar Law finds a way of escape

... AND THE CONSPIRATORS MOVE IN

continuing the story of Lord Curzon's life...

FOR all the loyal support he had publicly expressed towards the new Prime Minister, it cannot be said that Curzon, in his heart, admired Bonar Law.

From his point of view he was, in any case, only an interim premier keeping the seat warm until the rightful occupant, himself, was called in to occupy it.

Even in his letters to Bonar Law, his attitude was inclined to be that of a touchy schoolmaster to a not entirely trustworthy headmaster.

He wrote to him from the Lausanne Conference: "I have been fighting here a battle the magnitude and difficulty of which you hardly realise at home. I am more than grateful for the free hand you have given me. But I have sometimes felt a little hurt that from start to finish I cannot recall a word of encouragement of my labours, while I am continually being told to beware of situations of which I am just as conscious as anyone at home and am perhaps able to appraise more accurately."

It may well be that the innate contempt which Curzon felt for him communicated itself to Bonar Law, even though he could not guess what Curzon was saying about him privately in his letters to Grace.

She had written to him: "Poor Bonar Law looks as if he has just shaved for days. He looks more like a Labour MP than a Tory one... Sir George (You-

ngton) told me the whole truth, that if Bonar's health gave out you would be the only possible Prime Minister."

To which Curzon replied: "I can well believe that he (Bonar Law) could be quite dangerous if left alone."

Just before the abortive Conference of the Allied Prime Ministers began in Paris at the beginning of January, 1923, Bonar Law summoned his Foreign Secretary to Paris. Curzon went with great reluctance.

He had travelled for 10 hours in a day-train "because my health is such that I dare not travel by night" and he arrived irritable, suspicious and unwell.

"I went to the Crillon, where, in Lloyd George's old familiar rooms (Curzon wrote) I stayed talking to him until 1.30 when lunch supervened, and I did not get away until 3.30. I found Bonar in a great panic... I was really very staggered at his flabbiness and lack of grip, but I endeavoured to give him some spirit and courage..."

... Sir George (Young)

I do not think he will ever be a great, though he may be a cautious and popular, Prime Minister."

These were private remarks of Curzon to his wife. But Bonar Law can surely not have been ignorant of what was going on in his Foreign Secretary's mind.

Curzon came back to England from Lausanne in February, and resolved at once to plunge into domestic politics. The talk in the political world was all about Bonar Law's illness.

Determined

Curzon made his plans, aware that his moment was approaching once more. He could not believe that there were any rivals who could best him this time.

In fact, Bonar Law, determined in any case to retire in the autumn, had made an approach to Austen Chamberlain.

He was anxious to heal the breach in the Tory Party and bring Chamberlain and Birkenhead back into the fold. He sent Beaverbrook to Chamberlain with the offer of Lord Privy Seal in the Government—and the premiership when he stepped down. Chamberlain, still smarting over the rupture, refused.

But Curzon did not know this. Grace wrote to him of another conversation she had had with Sir George Young, chairman of the Conservative Party Organisation.

"I asked him what about Austen (Chamberlain) getting back," she wrote. "He nearly jumped out of his skin, and said Austen would never get into this

Government. He said Curzon must be known in the country. This he determined to do. This time he was resolved that no one should cheat him of the rightful reward for his life of service."

He was 64 and aware now that time was growing short for him. His letters, "and into his demeanour, except an attitude of alternating urgency and defeatism, bubbling optimism and black despair."

The time for a decision was drawing close. During the Easter recess, Bonar Law's health had not improved as well as he had hoped. He knew only too well that when he handed back his office to the King, he would be asked, as was customary of a retiring Premier, to advise on his successor. But who, who, who?

Curzon, though confident that he would be the one to replace him, was suddenly panicked by rumours that Stanley Baldwin, Leader in the House of Commons, was in the running.

Is it true?

He at once resolved to scotch them and on April 22, 1923, sent him the following "Private and Confidential" to Bonar Law. It said:

"My dear Bonar, I have been asked three times within the last three weeks whether it is true that you are about to resign and recommend that Baldwin be appointed in your place."

"I have replied that there is not the smallest foundation for this rumour, and I need hardly add that in my view your retirement would be a

national calamity which should not be permitted to occur."

He went on:

"I have never thought to push myself and my claims, and have done what work was allotted to me, and I am your senior colleague. I have been Leader of the House of Lords for over six years. I am the sole member of the Cabinet who has served continually since 1915."

"I have a certain record and a certain reputation, having filled high offices of State for over thirty years. I think I assisted materially to form your administration."

And here he reached the point of his letter: "If then a successor to you were to be a matter for consideration—and I devoutly hope it never will be—I could not surrender such claims as I may have, or consent to serve under any of my present colleagues."

"As to this I am quite clear. I am well aware that the appointment of the Head of Government rests with the Crown, and depends on a number of factors which have to be considered in continuation."

Non-committal

"I also recollect that I am a member of the House of Lords. But when the newspapers have been talking cheerfully for over a year about the possibility of a return of Birkenhead for Prime Minister, I decline to admit that it is impossible for a peer ever again to preside over a British administration."

He ended: "Please do not understand me to make any suggestion to prefer my request. The situation, I hope, will never arise."

Bonar Law replied to this letter: "Your rumour is without foundation. I have not been up to the mark for a month or six weeks, but I have a determination of resigning unless my

health should make it impossible to continue."

Curzon was not deceived by its non-committal tone. "His caution in replying," he wrote later, "only made me doubt, whether I should receive any support from him."

Bonar Law did not want Curzon to fill his shoes. How could he get out of the responsibility of nominating him? It was Beaverbrook who provided him with the escape route he was seeking. He had been summoned to Paris, where Bonar Law had been examined by Sir Thomas (later Lord) Horder and a verdict reached though it was not conveyed to the patient. He had cancer, and the end was not far away.

He relaxes

Beaverbrook, who had hitherto exhorted him to remain in office, now urged him to resign and rest.

While in Paris, Beaverbrook had a conversation with Lord Curzon, the British Ambassador, and mentioned Bonar Law's dilemma about nominating his successor.

Curzon replied that it was not necessary for the Prime Minister to give the King any advice, unless he wished to do so, and cited the precedent of his own father-in-law, Lord Rosebery. Rosebery had been chosen to succeed Gladstone by Queen Victoria even though Gladstone, it asked would have chosen someone else.

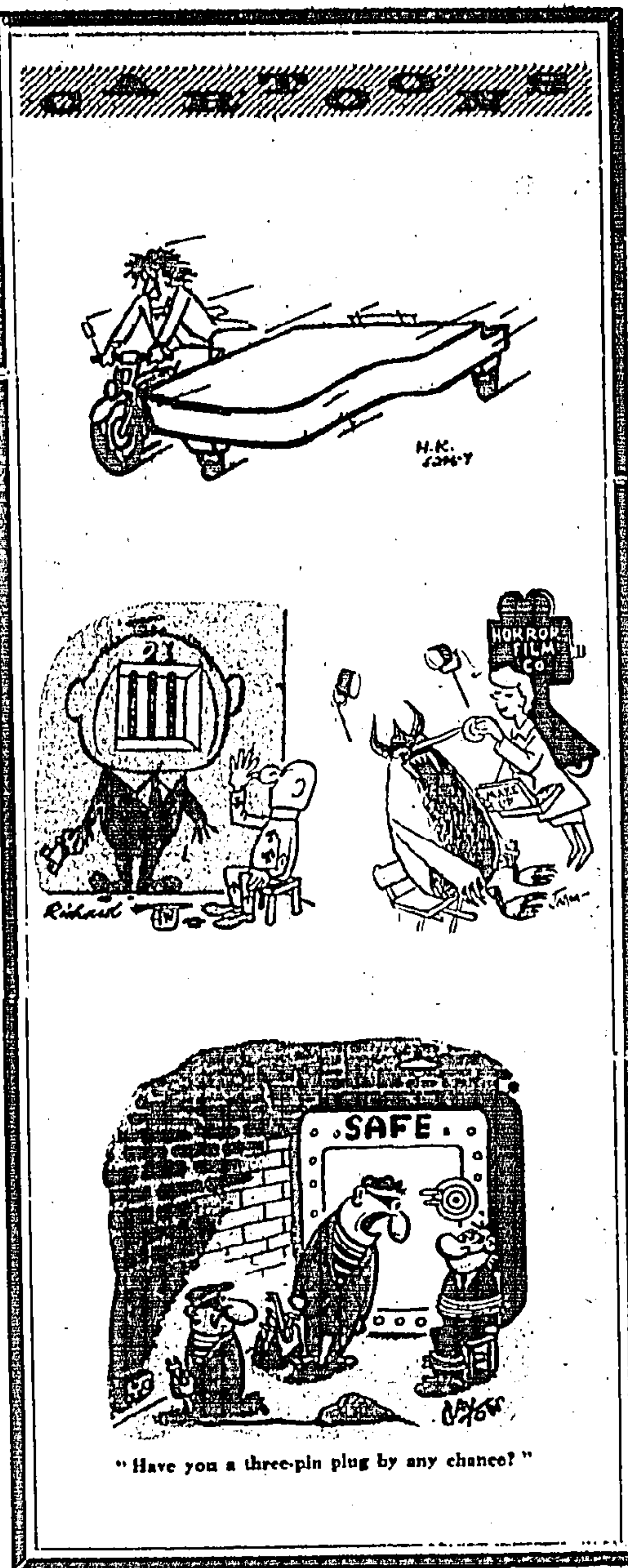
Beaverbrook sped away to his friend and told him he need not worry any more. It was not necessary for him to nominate his successor.

Bonar Law, convinced that Curzon, by his seniority and prestige would get the office anyway, relaxed. At least he would not have to go down in history as the man who had chosen him.

At which point the conspirators enter.

SATURDAY

The big mistake (London Express Service.)



"Have you a three-pin plug by any chance?"

NO TEARS WHEN JANINA FALLS...

IT starts with a girl walking slowly, sightlessly into a room. A room strange to her which she cannot see but can only sense with a quaint, rabbit twitching of the nose.

You can see the panic of the face, her hands flutter as if she were chasing this shadow.

She runs wildly round the strange room, and then, as if by magic, she is there, watching the three adults sitting there watching and not bothering to help her, just smile and say well done.

Crash

And suddenly the little girl with the pecked knees and the flying pony tail crashes headlong over a small stool. She tumbles, arms flailing across the floor, and cries: "Ouch, that hurt!"

And one of the adults, a stocky woman in tweeds and winter boots who is called Joan Shields, picks her up and says: "That was lovely, my dear. But you

must remember that if you were really blind and deaf and dumb, you wouldn't cry out in pain. Children like that don't feel pain."

The little girl, Janina Fay, who is 12 years old, perfectly normal, really, and who lives in Shepherd's Bush, smiled shyly at her and said she would try to remember but it hurt just the same.

A play

Janina Fay will fall over many more chairs and bark her shins many more times before "The Miracle Worker," a new play, opens in London next month.

She plays the deaf and blind American girl, Helen Keller, whose dark and silent world was penetrated by a young teacher, Ann Sullivan.

By Michael Parkinson

At present she is being expertly led by Miss Shields from the noisy, brightly coloured world of a normal little girl into the eternal muffled black-out of the deaf-blind.

Joan Shields is Britain's leading teacher of the deaf-blind.

Her real job is to teach 14 deaf and blind children at a school in Shropshire. But she has agreed to work with the actors to make the play more authentic.

She teaches Janina Fay and Anna Massey (who plays Ann Sullivan).

She grabs hold of Janina's left hand and deftly flicks her fingers across it. This is the manual alphabet, the main com-

municative link between the deaf-blind and the normal world.

"What did I say?" she asks. And Janina creases her forehead, puzzled, and answers: "Coke." It was, in fact, "cat," but Joan Shields was pleased.

A door bangs and Janina instinctively turns towards it. She has asked three times within the last three weeks whether it is true that you are about to resign and recommend that Baldwin be appointed in your place.

Realities

The girl grins and then rehearses a scene where she meets Ann Sullivan for the first time. She extends her hands and explores the new face. The fingers delicately trace the outline and then the line of nose and mouth.

Joan Shields says: "Good, good. But a little too swift, not pass. You must really feel that you could recognise that same face if you ever touched it again."

She explains too how a deaf-blind person would get to know a room. "When you search a new room, Janina, don't be afraid to do it on your knees. I once had a little boy at my school who explored the whole playground shuffling around on his bottom."

When the rehearsal ended Joan Shields prepared to leave the make-believe of the theatre for the realities of the children she teaches in Shropshire.

"You know," she said, "people often ask me about the compensations of my job and they expect me to say that I fill up when a child learns how to communicate or something like that."

"But they are wrong. My greatest joy is when a child who is deaf and blind and dumb, and who has been unable to see or hear an example of naughtiness, suddenly does, naturally and spontaneously, something naughty. It is then that my faith in original sin is reinforced."

(London Express Service.)

The unending war

THE only spy I have ever met who looked like a spy was not a success in his profession.

He was a handsome young Egyptian with a Nasser moustache and shifty eyes and he arrived in London as an assistant publicity manager for an international finance firm.

When I met him in a rather raffish night-club in Soho, he was slightly perturbed to be recognised by my companion— who remembered him hanging about British buses in the Suez Canal Zone in the guise of a freelance journalist.

"My dear fellow," said my companion with a perfectly straight face, "I hope you'll be back in Cairo in time for the war."

BELIEVED IT

He then proceeded to invent and expound a preposterous story about an impending crisis in the Middle East. Our Egyptian friend suggested a drink at a quiet corner table at which he asked a series of serious questions to which he got silly answers.

He left apparently in the belief that he knew that date on which war would break out in the Middle East.

Months later, in Cyprus, I asked an intelligence officer if anything unusual had happened on that date. Just one thing, he said. On that day, as for several preceding days, there had been an extraordinary amount of activity by Egyptian air and land patrols on the Israeli frontier.

Now, the successful spy does not look the part. I knew an American secret agent who was a famous musician and a Russian who was a travel agent.

There was a Greek photographer in Cyprus, a Yugoslav businessman in Trieste and a cable office clerk of undoubted nationality who, I have, is still

Nobody a spy fears more than another spy

working undetected by his enemies in Central Europe.

There was also the Russian chauffeur who turned out to be a naval officer charged with eavesdropping on British naval officers visiting Leningrad.

The men and women who have been convicted of spying for Communist governments in Britain and America have all appeared insignificant.

Dr Klaus Fuchs, the most devastatingly successful of atomic weapon spies, with his pasty face, cutaway chin and round spectacles, seemed almost a cartoonist's joke of a scientist. Dr Alan Nunn May who has also completed a prison sentence for the same offence, would have been indistinguishable to a vanishing point in any schoolmaster's common room.

Elmer and Julius Rosenberg, who died in the electric chair at Sing Sing for espionage, seemed like any other plump, jolly, middle-class Jewish couple in New York.

INTERLOCKED

In this secret, non-stop war—which is even waged, bloodlessly, between allies—there are as many grades of spy as there are ranks and truces in the Army.

Each large nation has a variety of interlocking intelligence systems. The United States has nine agencies of which the best known, Mr. Allen Dulles's Central Intelligence Agency, accounts for only one eighth of the total intelligence budget, which has been estimated at anything between £30 million and £80 million a year.

The CIA itself believes that Russia has something like 250,000 spy of all grades in

Russian agents are currently trying to recruit science students, who may one day occupy key positions in defence research.

How much can an amateur spy earn? The Polish spy Marian Kaczmarek paid one informant £10, a later £20, and then bought him a bicycle. The informant turned out to be a counter-spy.

Payment for information is rarely in large lump sums because intelligence officers fear that a man who turns traitor for money might become a double-agent for more money.

A few years ago an American intelligence agency in the Mediterranean and another in Germany found that it was supporting a number of phoney informers who had invented their reports as deftly as Our Man in Havana.

But the most dangerous spy of all is the man whose employers have allowed to "follow," perhaps for ten or fifteen years. He appears to be a loyal and patriotic citizen and his record is spotless. He rises in his profession and then, one day, he receives a message from Moscow, or London, or Washington, and he is activated.

These spies are the most difficult to detect because the reason for their betrayal will often go back to youth or childhood.

Sometimes they are forced to turn traitor by blackmail, and security authorities believe that secret homosexuals are particularly prone to this.

But each and every spy has one abiding dread. Spies are never quite sure that the man who buys his information is not a counter-spy and that man may not be sure that the information has not been planted by yet another interested party.

Spies do not trust each other, because they know that their most deadly enemies—not only in the international espionage centres like Geneva, Berlin, Stockholm, Leningrad, Beirut and Bangkok, but in the supposed security of their own homes and offices—are men of their own breed.

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AS PARIS PREPARES TO TAKE THE WRAPS
OFF... A PEEP INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL

Somehow, I feel it's going to be Balmain's year

HAPPY, happy Pierre Balmain. Not only does his private clientele number some of the richest, most elegant women in the world (Queen Sirikit springs instantly to mind), but lots of beautiful film actresses into the bargain.

Loyally insisting on wearing his clothes in their films are Martine Carol and Sophia Loren, whose breathtaking Balmain wardrobe was one of the major delights of *The Millionaire*.

Nineteen-sixty-one will add two more names — and a near-certain third — three films, in other words, which will prove to millions of women how wholly detectable Balmain clothes are.

First off the assembly line is Mr. Topaz, in which Peter Sellers (the gutturalized) will lead a lot of Balmain, worn by Sophia

Loren) faces another staggering wardrobe, worn this time by Nadia Grey, and including an extremely low-cut white evening dress loaded with pearls and glittering embroidery, and an ocelot coat richly lined with lynx.

VIOLET CHIFFON

Better still for M. Balmain, the film is in full colour. Second in line is Vivien Leigh's new film, *The Roman*

Spring of Mrs. Stone, in which she plays an extremely wealthy and recently widowed actress in Rome.

Vivien Leigh's wardrobe includes rows of gorgeous evening dresses, including a pale violet chiffon, a green lace, and one of those simple little black crepe dresses into which Balmain infuses such deadly magic, plus a lot of suits and coats. That film is in colour too.

The third — to be started in Paris fairly soon — stars Lilli Palmer — another Balmain faithful — playing opposite Louis Jourdan (which usually means colour too), and although the Balmain contract is not yet in the bag, it's virtually a cinch.

So even if his spring collection is the flop of all time — an "it" that can be safely ruled out of the list of possibilities — Pierre Balmain should have a pretty pleasant New Year.

Square toes

Men who have been laughing heartily at the absurdity of the viciously pointed toe for the last three years may find that 1961 will rob them of one good joke.

A Paris shoe designer, Charles Jourdan, is giving almost all the shoes in his spring collection wide, square toes (dropping the height of the heel at the same time).

"Oh the bliss of having room for all one's toes," sighed a friend of mine who had nipped out and bought one of the first pairs on sale.

This square-looking toe is new news; it made an abortive ap-



NEW SHOE
shoes for 1961
— it's wide and
— it's almost bound to
succeed

be nitch in evidence.

The shoe in the picture is one of several earlycomers on the scene.

Going back

They've done the 'twenties; they've done the 'thirties; they've had Art Nouveau; and it's not yet time for another go at the New Look. So what next?

William Poole, fabric designer for Liberty's haute couture silk collection, is putting his money on another mood: the inspired orientalism of the early twenties,



THE FIRESIDE COAT... much, much more than a dressing-gown and the obvious indoor answer to a long, hard winter.

PICTURE BY JOHN COLE

the flamboyant colouring of Paul Poiret, the crazy geometrical designs of Balzak, the brilliance of the Ballet Russe.

All this feeling of this period has been translated by him into a group of fabrics already avidly bought up by couturiers in Rome, Florence, New York, Paris and London.

Balzak triangles and squares swim in hot clear colours on sheer chiffon or solid silk; Poiret's lonely etched rose blooms in pink on violet yellow; and in another group of silks in swirling geometrical designs, crude colours are thrown excitingly together.

Rust red, navy and emerald on deep mustard yellow was one that Cardin, Paris's greatest couturier, has ordered lengths of.

Most popular in the collection of around sixty designs is a misanthropic in white and pale mustard on a pale, sky-blue background. Couturiers sampling it (which means they MAY use it but they're not committing themselves) include Pierre Cardin, Chanel, Desse, Nina Ricci, Maggy Rouff, and New York designers like Maurice Rentner and Seana have gone overboard.

FRESH FRENCH thought on what to do with that bargain-price lynx or fox collar you couldn't resist snapping up in the sales. DON'T give it to your winter coat; stick it instead round the collar of your biggest, thickest knitted jacket, and wear it with trousers for a super-sporty look.

— (London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A choice you have to make will prove harder than you anticipated, but nothing is to be gained by procrastination.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): There is no need to stint on small isolated expenditures, as long as you avoid a steady drain on your resources.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone who used to be rather averse to your ideas will suddenly turn to you for advice and show a flattering eagerness to follow it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Instead of tiring of a job and leaving it for others to finish, stick to it this time and see it through to its final completion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't stand aloof at a social gathering, but out of consideration for your host make an effort to mix freely with your fellow guests.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Before taking the decisive step in a financial venture, be sure you have considered all possibilities, even that of complete failure.

LEO (July 22-August 21): If you feel bogged down by steady routine, make up your mind to get away from it completely by doing

entirely different things over the weekend.

VIRGO (August 22-September 23): If a neighbour lays great store by your opinion, you should be frank in stating it, no matter how contrary it may be to his own.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): After an argument with your partner, don't let the pleasure of making up blind you to the danger of further discord.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Your desire to be the centre of attraction is liable to alienate some people who could otherwise be very fond of you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You will be able to satisfy your urge for self expression by improving your home at very little additional cost.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): If a friend has entrusted you with a confidence, don't let others share the secret. It is up to him to decide when to reveal it.

YOUR LUCKY CARD: If today is your birthday, your lucky card, no matter what game you may be playing, ought to be the Queen of SPADES.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

If you are interested in an example of horrible bidding, just take a look at today's hand. It was played in a rubber bridge game some 30 years back, and I was the unfortunate North.

In explanation of the bidding, my partner played the so-called powerhouse no-trump and I could afford to bid two hearts without fear of being dropped.

In fact, I could predict his rebid. It would be either two or three no-trump. This time it was three no-trump and I would have passed except that I wanted my 100 honours.

Still my bid was a mistake. My partner went right to four no-trump and now I made a serious mistake. I decided there was a slam and leaped to six hearts. Of course, six hearts was cold. Declarer can ruff his fourth diamond in dummy and wind up losing one club trick, but I had not bargained with my partner. He went right to six no-trump and six no-trump did not make. Of course, he was unlucky. Diamonds have been known to break 3-3. They didn't this time.

Why do I show this hand? Because looking back on it, I can only blame myself for the bad result. I should have realised that the only way to sign this particular man off would be to pass and should have passed at either three or four no-trump and at least won the rubber.

NORTH 30		EAST 30	
♠ 42	♥ KQJ107	♠ J973	♥ 8
♦ AQ5	♣ 71074	♦ 8	♣ K984
♠ 72		♠ 432	♥ 8
		♦ K93	♣ A63
WEST		SOUTH (D)	
♠ 1085	♥ 985	♠ 432	♥ 8
♦ 82	♣ J105	♦ K93	♣ A63
Both vulnerable		Opening lead—♠ Q	
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	6♥	Pass

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Blinkie Mole's Guests

—They All Come To Spend The Winter With Him—

By MAX TRELL

"I GUESS," Blinkie Mole was saying to Knarf, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, "that I'm the only real, genuine Mole in this part."

"But come in and stay a while," he suddenly said. "No use standing here on my doorstep when you can make yourself comfortable inside."

Glad to visit

Knarf said he would be glad to visit with Blinkie for a while. Blinkie Mole's underground apartment was in a grassy slope overlooking the lake in the middle of the park. His front door or, more correctly, his top door, for his house ran

down instead of up, was half-hidden in the grass. Blinkie himself wore dark glasses. The sunlight made his eyes smart.

Blinkie's living room was wide with a rather low ceiling. There weren't any windows, of course.

"There's no use having windows when you're underground," Blinkie explained to Knarf. "Two put lookshelves where the windows ought to be. Eat yourself down."

"Will you have a cup of clover tea?" Blinkie asked Knarf. An oil lamp hung from the ceiling and there were several more lamps in wall brackets around the walls. The room was bright and cheerful.

Many other rooms

Knarf noticed after he had sat down—"I won't have any clover tea, thank you," he said to Blinkie—that there were many rooms leading off from the large room in which he was sitting.

And, to his surprise, for he hadn't expected this to happen, a number of Blinkie's friends came, one by one, into the room. "They're all spending the winter with me," Blinkie explained.

Toad and Beetle

There was Willy Toad, wrapped up in a brown blanket and old bedroom slippers. There was Blackie Beetle wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans. There was a Mouse wearing a shawl.

There was Glive, the Snail, wearing his shell. There were

three Caterpillars, all in sleeping bags pulled up to their chins. They hopped around the bay. There was a small Mud Turtle wearing flannel pyjamas.

There were a Grasshopper and a Cricket, also in pyjamas. All of Blinkie's guests greeted Knarf with great cheerfulness.

"Isn't it wonderful that you're going to spend the winter with us?" Knarf looked surprised.

"I'm not going to spend the winter here," he said. "Why not?" asked one of the Caterpillars. "There's plenty of room. Isn't there, Blinkie?"

Sleeping bags

"Of course there is," said Blinkie. "You're welcome to stay here until the weather turns warm again, Knarf!" "You can fit into one of our sleeping bags," said the second Caterpillar.

"I'll give you part of my blanket," said Willy. The Mouse offered Knarf half of his shawl.

The Grasshopper said he could easily find Knarf another pair of pyjamas.

"They might be a little long for you in the legs," he said. "But you can pull them up to make them fit."

Snail joins in

Even Glive, the Snail, joined in the wish that Knarf would spend the winter with them in Blinkie's underground apartment.



"Come in and stay a while," Blinkie said to Knarf.

know you have your own warm house to live in. "It's different with all of us here—all these others, I mean. None of them have a roof over their heads like you and I have. And when the winds start to blow and the cold rain starts to fall, it isn't pleasant living out of doors."

All getting sleepy

"It certainly isn't!" chorused all of Blinkie's winter guests. Knarf spent the rest of the morning chatting with Blinkie and all his friends. By and by the guests started yawning and one by one they slipped away.

"Yes," said Blinkie to Knarf, as he said good-bye to him on his doorstep. "They're all getting pretty sleepy. They're all going to sleep through the whole winter—sleep, sleep, sleep until the spring comes back again."

Then Knarf noticed that Blinkie yawned himself. "Me, too," he said, as he quietly shut the door and went downstairs again.

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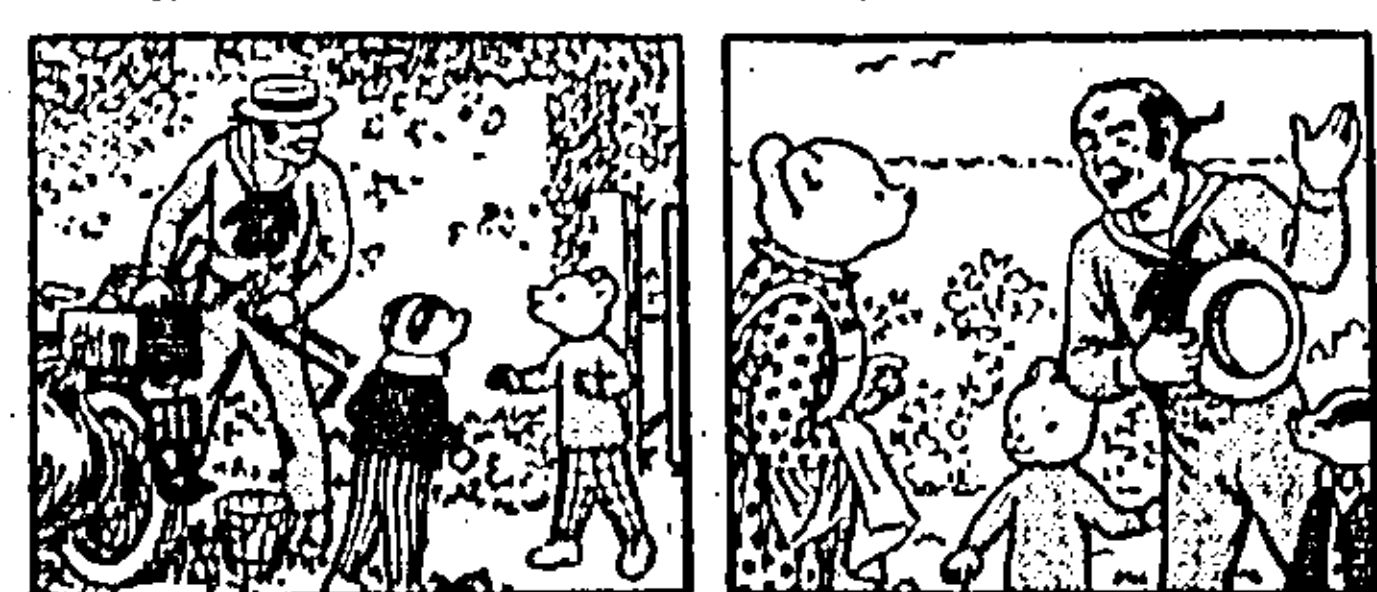
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THE ROAD TO Whiteaways

Rupert and the Purple Star—44



Running to the gate Rupert finds Sailer Sam holding a queer contraption in his hand and securing all sorts of things to his old motor-bike and sidecar. "I picked up Bill Badger on my way, to save time," says Sam. Just then Mrs. Bear bustles towards them.

"What's all this?" she demands. "This affixing queer contraptions frightens me. Can't you leave Rupert alone now?" "No, Ma'am," says the sailor firmly. "It's because they're poisonous that I do need Rupert now. But I'll keep him quite safe."

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First Test victory, series now level at 1-1 WEST INDIES TRIUMPH IN TEST

Superb bowling causes collapse of Australians

Sydney, Jan. 18.

The West Indies won the third Test match here today by 222 runs after magnificent spin bowling brought about a dramatic Australian collapse.

This is the West Indies first Test victory in Australia and enabled them to draw level, one match each, in the five match series.



"...but I doubt, darling, if the statistical gentlemen know of the Mr. Davidson who hit bats in the air at 99.5 per cent failure to win!"

London Express Service

Hexangular rugby tournament

By Prop

The rearranged Hexangular Tournament game between the Brigade and the R.A.F. will be played at the Club Stadium tonight at 7.15 pm. It will be preceded by a fixture featuring those old rivals, Club Selection and 14 Field Regiment, due to start at 6.00 pm.

Brigade will be fielding an entirely new combination behind the scrum, Broomfield, the ex-English and South African rugby champion and Brigade cricketer, will make his first appearance at fly-half. Kirkland features at fly-half as partner to Hextall. The pack however is pretty well tried although Milton takes over from Harvey as hooker.

RAF have very unfortunately been hard hit by injuries, and still have doubts about the actual composition of their side. Dixon their skipper is a doubtful starter, Roberts has a broken collar-bone, Raw has a leg injury, and all in all the side does not seem to have much good fortune. This is very hard on the RAF side who need to win this game to stay in the hunt as far as the "runner-up" berth is concerned.

Brigade team: Broomfield, Biles, Dunn, Davies, Tilly, Kirkland, Hextall, Richards, Milton, Quinn, Sear, Brown, Whitley, Broke-Smith, Childs.

Insole resigns as captain

London, Jan. 17. After ten years as captain of Essex county cricket team, Douglas Insole has resigned the post because of business commitments. He is 34.

Trover Bailey, 37, will lead Essex this summer. Insole, a former England batsman, hopes to continue as an England Test selector. He played nine times for England against South Africa in six Tests, the West Indies twice and Australia once. China Mail Special.

Three Fulham footballers injured in car crash

London, Jan. 17.

Three Fulham footballers—England and Fulham captain Johnny Haynes, outside-left Trevor Chamberlain, and centre-half Roy Bentley—were injured in a car crash near Fulham football ground today. They had been training at Harrods sports ground at Barnes and were returning to Craven cottage.

They were taken to hospital after a collision between their car and a coal lorry.

Bentley was detained with slight concussion, and a spokesman said later that he would be kept in hospital for "at least 24 hours."

FOUR STITCHES

Haynes was released after having four stitches inserted in his forehead, and Chamberlain was able to go home after treatment for shock and cuts.

The accident was at the junction of Woodlawn-road and Harbord-street, Johnny Haynes was driving.

Passer-by Mr. R. Fitzsimons said: "The lorry knelted down in wall and finished in a garden, several sacks fell on the car."

Fulham's general manager, Frank Osborne, said later: "It seems almost certain they will not be fit for this week's game, but we shall not know definitely until we get the hospital report.—A.P."

High jumpers improving

Moscow, Jan. 17.

The 1964 Tokyo Olympics high jump champion will have to clear 2.23 metres to be sure of the gold medal, Russia's Rome Olympics silver medalist, Valeri Brumel told the Tass today.

Brumel who told a Tass reporter that he would attempt this year to take the world high jump record from America's John Thomas declared:

"With the constant improvement of performances it will soon be necessary to clear at least 2.2 metres in order to win the high jump in big international meetings, perhaps this will be high enough for the next European championships but at Tokyo the winner will certainly have to clear 2.23 metres."

Brumel also forecast that high jumpers such as John Thomas and Russia's Victor Bolchov might reach 2.3 metres in the next few years.—A.P.

ASIAN GOLFERS

San Francisco, Jan. 17.

Japanese golfers Hanyuoshi Kiritani and Nationalist China's Chen Ching-po arrived here today for the \$10,000 San Francisco open tournament starting on January 26.

They are among 14 overseas competitors entered for the event.—Reuter.



DAVE CHARNLEY

British lightweight champion scores convincing win

London, Jan. 17.

British, Empire and European lightweight champion Dave Charnley scored a convincing points win over seventh-rated Gene Gresham of Detroit at the Streatham ice rink tonight.

Charnley weighed 137 pounds 10 ounces, Gresham 137 pounds six ounces.

More than 5,000 spectators saw the English left-hander tear into Gresham in the final round, after Gresham had made a good, but fast fading, start.

ROCKED

Gresham was rocked by Charnley's two-listed attack for the last four rounds, and when the fight ended was nodding on to Charnley for support.

This was Charnley's 42nd bout and his 35th win. He hopes tonight's victory will brighten his chances for a return bout with Joe Brown, the world lightweight champ, who knocked him out in the sixth round of their world title fight in Houston, Texas, in December 1959.—U.P.I.

Russians may get waiver

London, Jan. 18.

Permission for the three Russian horses to run in this year's Grand National is expected to be given next week.

Mr Christopher Soames, the Agriculture Minister, has asked for a special report from Mr A. G. Bonyon, a ministry deputy chief veterinary officer.

Mr Bonyon is now attending the International Convention in Paris today where a waiver is expected to be granted the Russians over African horse sickness. Mr Bonyon will report on his return.—A.P.

Moore likely to fight Schoeppner

New York, Jan. 17.

A light heavyweight title fight between champion Archie Moore and Germany's Erich Schoeppner was virtually set tonight for a March date in Madison Square Garden under the promotion of Feature Sports Inc.

Moore referred all queries to his lawyer, Bill Yale, because so much litigation has been involved in the negotiations for the fight, on again and off-again since last summer.

Yale, of San Diego, said: "We're all set. It's up to Schoeppner now in Germany."

TAKEN AWAY

Moore indicated at the New York boxing writers dinner that the likely date for the fight was March 20.

Moore's title was taken away by the National Boxing Association last summer for his failure to defend it during the normally required six-month period. The New York Athletic Commission had ordered Archie to sign for a defence by this Thursday under a threat that it also would strip him of recognition. Moore last defended his title against Canada's Yvon Durelle on August 12, 1959.—A.P.

SPRINGBOKS CAN NOW COMPLETE THE GRAND SLAM

By JOHN COTTRELL

History could either inspire or disturb Avril Malan's Fifth Springboks who journey to Murrayfield this Saturday, seeking only to defeat Scotland to complete their grand slam of the four home countries.

The last country to defeat South Africa on British soil was Scotland—0-0, at Glasgow in 1908. The biggest-ever Test victory was scored by South Africa—44-0 against Scotland, at Murrayfield in 1951.

Scotland's record might now suggest another colossal defeat last year they achieved only one international victory and recently they have suffered their third consecutive defeat (11-0) by the French.

My forecast, however, is South Africa to win by only about eight points. And the structure of the two opposing sides suggests that the match may well follow much the same pattern as the England-South Africa struggle at Twickenham.

SUPREMELY STRONG

Scotland, like England, have a strong pack, excellent half-backs, and an unimpressive three-quarter line. Their forwards should perform creditably against the Springboks, but they cannot be expected to match the supremely strong and athletic tourists throughout the game.

Without equal forward strength, only a team with an outstanding back division can hope to challenge these Springboks. Here Scotland is notably lacking in thrust, though their half-backs, Brian Shillinglew and Gordon Waddell, can do much to cover up the deficiencies. Fly-half Waddell will again be the key man for Scotland and he can do the most valuable service with his fine kicking—not to touch in Springbok fashion, but to the wing where Scotland has real scoring potential in hard-running Arthur Smith.

WALES vs ENGLAND

But unless there is an amazing reversal in the Springbok safety-first policy defeat for Scotland seems the only possible result. The relentless bulldozing forward game which slowly demolished England can be equally effective on this occasion.

The South Africans have a Machiavellian rugby machine with no fancy attractions—and no significant weaknesses. Even their place-kicking problem appears to be solved with the emergence of new international wing-forward F. C. du Preez.

Scotland have made an unhappy start to their International Championship; now England and Wales will both be seeking to make a brighter opening in Cardiff. Current form suggests another close struggle.

In recent years there has been one outstanding weakness in British rugby—the failure of the home countries to produce brilliant attacking centres. It is the current problem of Scotland; it is certainly the problem of England, and possibly Wales.

Such is the shortage of first-class centres in England that fly-half Mick Weston has been converted to a centre, while a similar effort has been made unsuccessfully with Bev Riegan. Now it is popularly suggested that fly-half Richard Sharp should also be moved to the centre.

England centres Bill Patterson and Weston both gave feeble, punting performances against South Africa, and the shortage must be emphasised by the fact that Weston now retains his place against Wales.

Patterson, however, is replaced by the one established centre in England—Malcolm

Phillips, who, until the meeting with South Africa, had played in England's last 12 international matches.

Speedy Phillips, if he strikes top form, could prove to be England's trump card. But he will need far better support than the kind wingers John Young and Jim Roberts gave against South Africa. Both had an off-day, and Roberts is especially fortunate to keep his place. Oh, how England needs a Peter Jackson today.

It may be premature to judge the Welsh centres C. Davies and H. M. Roberts of Cardiff. After all, they did not receive a single pass during the whole game against the Springboks.

My feeling is that for once the Welsh three-quarters will be at least the equal of England's, though at half-back, Dkete Jeeps and Bev Riegan, may prove slightly superior to Ken Richards and Tony O'Connor.

NEW CAP

Risman was superb against the Springboks; he safely gathered the most widely erratic of passes, made the only inspired breaks behind the scrum, kicked shrewdly with both feet under pressure. Home supporters on Saturday may well rue the day that Risman turned down a Welsh trial in a gamble to play for England.

The Welsh and English forwards showed tremendous courage against the Springboks and justly England now retain the same pack. The Welsh selectors have been less generous, replacing tough Ray Prosser and lively John Lelan with mobile Phil Morgan and experienced international Iadyn Morgan.

One other new cap on the field is England full-back Miko Gavins, of Leicester. He replaces Don Rutherford, unluckily dropped after a reasonable game under tremendous pressure from the Springboks who scored only though a tactical error by the England forwards.

Gavins played a safe, courageous game against the Springboks at Leicester, but it is not yet possible to compare him with the great Terry Davies, his opposite number at Cardiff this Saturday.

Wales versus England is always a meeting to arouse caution among the forecasters.

But a low-scoring game seems certain, and I fancy England may have the slight edge, provided they do not become bogged down in the appalling conditions which greeted their last visit and that of the South Africans this season.—London Express Service.

Hare makes urgent trip in bid to avert soccer strike

London, Jan. 17.

Britain's Labour Minister, Mr John Hare, broke off engagements in northern England today to fly back to London for final peace-or-war talks tomorrow to avert a threatened national soccer strike.

The Minister will stand by while leaders of the country's professional footballers and the Football League, their employers, seek a solution to their deadlocked dispute over the existing transfer system (the players have declared that unless this is charged they will strike next Saturday afternoon).

The talks will take place at the Ministry of Labour in London under the chairmanship of the chief conciliation officer, Mr Tom Claro.

The Football League want to keep a "retain-and-transfer" system under which a player cannot join a new club without the consent of the club he wishes to leave.

A British Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Ellis Smith, in a letter to Mr Hare, today appealed to the Minister to intervene personally in the dispute. Mr Smith, a keen football fan, said, "negotiations have now gone on for nine months."

"I believe if you preside over the joint meeting tomorrow a settlement will be arrived at, or at least a joint recommendation."

HOUSE SPEAKER

Mr Smith said if his suggestions were not accepted he would write to the Speaker (Chairman) of the House of Commons, Sir Harry Hyden-Foster, for permission to raise it as a matter of "extreme urgency" when the House resumes next Tuesday.

Mr Alan Hardaker, Football League secretary, commenting on Mr Smith's letter said: "My own feeling is that a real mutual agreement between the two sides is unlikely to be reached."

The players strike notice expires at midnight on Friday. In a dramatic hour the players move yesterday to start the

weekend fixtures—for which the Football League reserves £250,000 a year from the big pools promoters—Mr Hardaker urged clubs to play next Saturday's games on Friday, either under floodlight or in the afternoon.

POSTPONEMENT

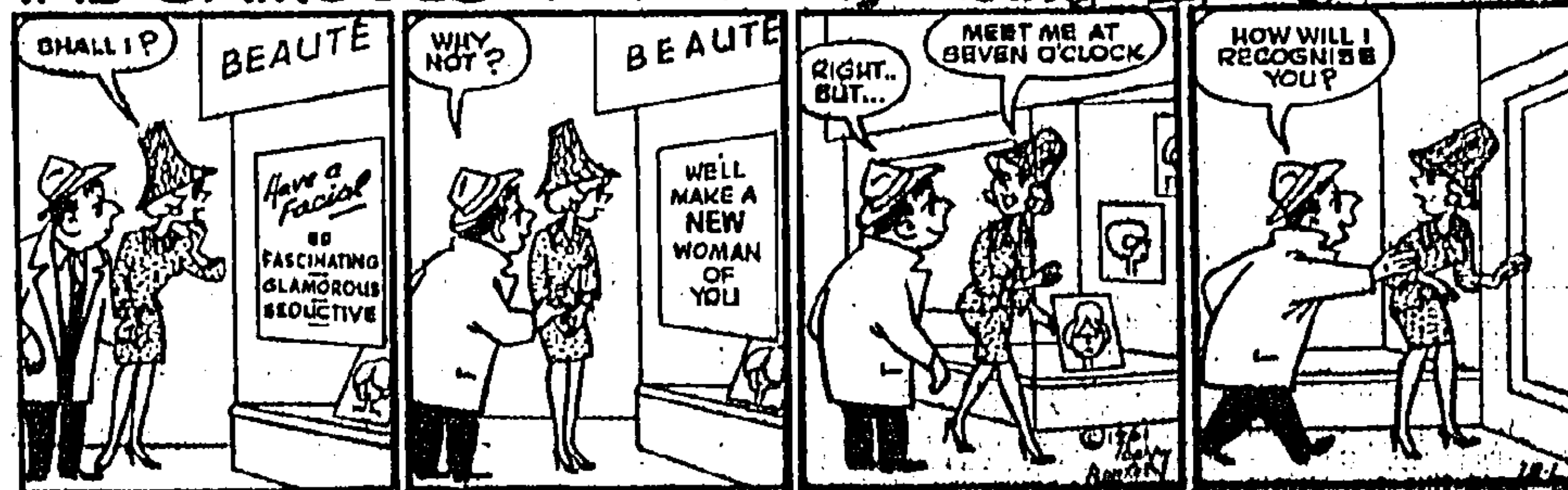
Fulham, first division club without floodlights who would have to play in a near-empty stadium on Friday afternoon, today asked the League to postpone their game with Sheffield Wednesday.

Nottingham Forest also want to call off their division one game with Cardiff City on Friday as they have no floodlights.

Four games which would have to be played in the afternoon are Charlton and Swansea (division two) Burnley and Notts County (division three) and Oldham and Barrow and Southport and Rochdale (both division four clubs).—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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\$4.6 million emporium-flat project may replace old houses SINCERE'S PLAN FOR KOWLOON

100 LOSE HOMES IN KOWLOON SQUATTER BLAZE

About 100 people were made homeless and nine huts burned to the ground when a squatter fire broke out on a hillside in Section 7-B, Man Wah Village, Homantin, at 11.30 this morning.

This is the second squatter fire in three days. There were no casualties. The scene of the fire was about 100 feet up the hillside and was half a mile away from the nearest hydrant on the main road. This made fire fighting extremely difficult.

Norwegian gift to homeless

The Norwegian Refugee Council in Oslo has donated the sum of 20,000 Crowns, equivalent to HK\$16,000, for the relief of the homeless victims of the big squatter fire at Valley-road on Monday. The money will be paid into the Community Typhoon Relief Fund, which is now operated by the Director of Social Welfare for the benefit of all victims of natural disasters.

The fire was put out at 12.30 pm. Mr V. C. Seymour, Deputy Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, conducted the fire-fighting operation. Five fire engines and two ambulances were rushed to the scene. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Duddell-street fire put out

A small fire broke out in a rubbish room on the third floor of Printing House, Duddell-street, at 11 o'clock this morning. Employees using fire extinguishers put the fire out in ten minutes.

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Tenancy Tribunal hearing

The Sincere Co. Ltd. applied to the Tenancy Tribunal this morning for exemption for a large group of 60-year-old houses in Mongkok, which they want to replace with a 17-story building with an emporium on the ground floor.

The building would cost \$4,600,000 and be completed in 18 months. It will provide over 250 tenement flats of medium size.

The existing houses are 83-97, Argyle-street, 97 to 105 Fa Yuen-street and 98 to 104, Tung Choy-street, and they form a corner block.

The applicants are represented by Mr D.A.L. Wright, instructed by Mr H. Caine of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

There are 298 opposing tenants, represented by various counsel.

Members of the Tribunal are Mr J.R. Oliver (President), Mr Kwok Chun-sing and Mr A.H. Penn.

Boy sentenced

A 15-year-old boy who pleaded guilty to stealing \$400 from a cafe, was sent to the Stanley Training Centre for a period of not less than nine months and not more than three years by Mr J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning.

MAGISTRATE TO SEE ALLEGED DRUG PLANT

Mr E. Corbally, Central Magistrate, today went for an inspection tour of a house in Deep Water Bay where a large quantity of dangerous drugs was alleged to have been manufactured.

FOUND WEARING FOUR PAIRS OF TROUSERS AND THREE JACKETS

When two police constables stopped a man in Robinson-road early in the morning of January 5, they found he was wearing four pairs of trousers and three jackets.

Three pairs of trousers and two of the jackets were of European style and they were worn under a torn Chinese-style suit.

Asked to explain, the man admitted that he had stolen the suits from a house in Conduit-road a few hours earlier.

Before Judge K. R. MacFee in the Victoria District Court this morning, the man, Poon Kam, 52, was sentenced to two-and-a-half years for burglary. He was also placed under police supervision for two years.

Chief Inspector W. P. Apps, prosecuting, said the man had many previous convictions which dated back to 1947. Apart from four convictions for burglary and similar theft offences, the man had also served terms of imprisonment for heroin offences. In mitigation, accused said he had to look after his aged mother and a family, who are in China.

Policeman on carnal knowledge charge

A 28-year-old Pakistani Police Constable charged with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age was remanded seven days by Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

Inspector Yip Tai-yau, asking for a remand, said further charges might be preferred.

Abdul Ghafer, residing at Police quarters, was alleged to have had carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old girl between July and August last year. Upon defendant's request Mr Cons granted bail of \$200.

Mr Corbally was accompanied by Superintendent J. W. Browett of the Anti-Narcotics Bureau, Detective Sub-Inspector R. L. Redpath, Mr Alan Wong of M. K. Lam and Co., a court clerk and two court interpreters.

HANDCUFFED

In another party were four men who were alleged to have manufactured dangerous drugs in that house. They were handcuffed and guarded by two detectives.

Earlier at Central Court this morning, the four men who faced committal proceedings were Cheung Muk-po, 47, and Lam Mow, 34, both of 73 Deep Water Bay-road, Lam Leung-chi, 38, of Flat 608, 402 Des Voeux-road West, fifth floor, and Yiu Kon, 22, of 100 Catchick-street, fourth floor. The police alleged that in October and November last year the defendants manufactured dangerous drugs at 75 Deep Water Bay-road.

Lam Leung-chi, described as the tenant of the house, was further accused of permitting his premises to be used for this purpose.

100 EXHIBITS

Cheung Muk-po and Lam Mow were additionally charged with possession of dangerous drugs. More than 100 items were produced in court as exhibits. These included 28 rattan suitcases, large and small bottles, rubber tubes, basins, lamps, flasks and a stone grinder.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. L. Redpath testified that at 8 pm on November 20 last year, he and a party of policemen went to the Deep Water Bay house. Insp Redpath said they proceeded to the rear and on entering a glass door, he noticed a very strong smell of ether. At this stage, the case was adjourned by the Magistrate who went for an inspection of the house.

Superintendent J. W. Browett is appearing for the Crown. Mr Alan Wong of M. K. Lam and Co. is representing the fourth defendant, Yiu Kon. Other defendants are not legally represented. The case will resume this afternoon.

PARADE

Brigadier W. P. L. Lawson, Commander Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, this morning inspected a parade composed of British and Malay soldiers of the Hongkong Troop, 19th Signal Regiment, RS, at RAF Kai Tak.

The parade was the annual inspection by the Brigadier.

Manager denies forgery charges

Kong Hok-shan alias Hawthorn Kiang, of 804 Nathan-road Kowloon pleaded not guilty at the Victoria District Court today to 17 charges of forgery.

It is alleged that between December 15, 1959 and August 17 of last year he forged invoices of the Wiko Trading Company showing the sale of quantities of moulding compound to four factories in Kowloon.

Mr D. Remedios for the Crown, told Judge K. R. MacFee that Kong had been employed as manager of the plastics department of the company which is a family concern dealing in the import-export of tobacco, plastics and machinery.

Three colours

At one time, the company's invoices were issued in three colours, pink, yellow and blue. They had printed numbers. In July, 1959, a fourth invoice was introduced for amendment purposes. It was white and the number had to be typewritten on it.

The numbering was done, under instructions from Kong, by So Shiu-long, a clerk, and sometimes by Leung Kok-chi, an office boy.

Between them, said Mr Remedios, they would identify in court the invoices which Kong told them to number. Hearing continues.

Man who stole from cars goes to jail

An unemployed man of no fixed address was sentenced to a total of 29 months in jail by Mr T. Crocson at South Kowloon Court this morning.

Tang Wing-kit, aged 22, pleaded guilty to possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose and to four counts of theft from vehicles.

Inspector Alexander Lew said that at 9.55 am on January 15 the complainant, Kwan Wai-hung, saw Tang using a screw-driver in an attempt to open the window of his car which was parked in Cheung Sha-street near Canton-road.

When he saw the complainant approaching, he ran away but was arrested by a policeman after a chase.

At Yau-mai Police Station, under caution, the defendant admitted to four other offences between November 18 and January 10 when he stole a transistor radio, a jacket, a gown, two screw-drivers, one jack and two spanners from parked cars. He had four previous convictions, the Inspector added.

From the Files

25 years AGO

January 1936

The new Commander-in-chief of the China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little arrived yesterday by P and O liner Chitral and was met by Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, present C-in-C, attended by Commodore F.N. Attwood.

The new C-in-C received his early education in the well-known Shanghai institution, George Lanning's school, so it will be seen that his connection with the Far East is a very real one.

He was born in Shanghai in 1882. He was the son of the late Dr L. S. Little, whose family were intimately bound up with China. One of the doctor's brothers, R.W. Little, was editor of the North-China Daily News and another brother, Archibald, was a pioneer of the Yangtze Gorges to Chungking.

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FROM the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: (January, 1911): An unfortunate accident occurred yesterday afternoon to the Hon. W. Rees-Davies while exercising a pony at Happy Valley; and, at a late hour last night, it was stated on inquiry at Mr Rees-Davies' room that he was progressing favourably, though he was in great pain.

It appears that between four and five o'clock, the Attorney General took his China pony on to the race-course for a canter.

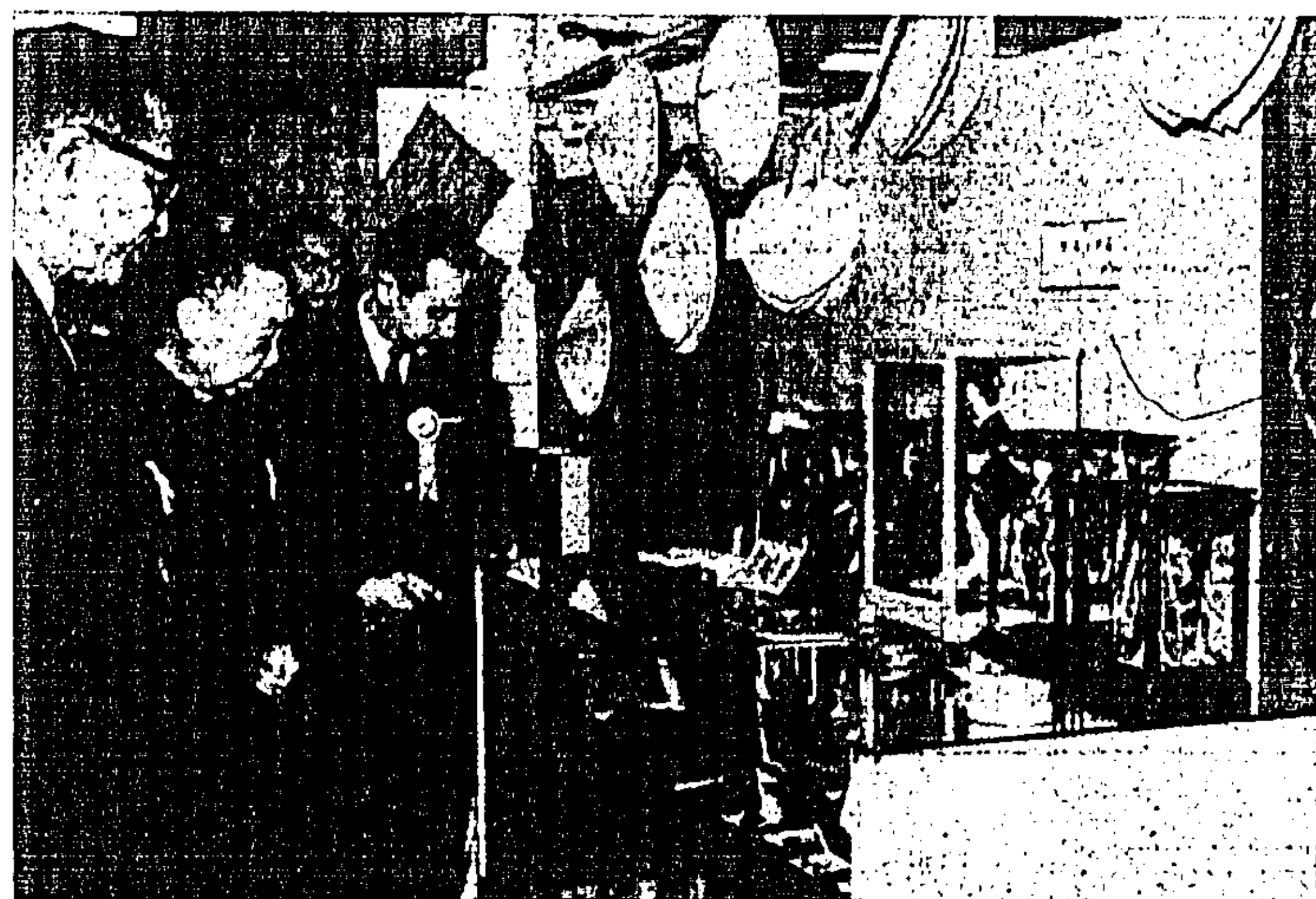
While galloping past one of the posts it shied badly and threw its rider with tremendous force to the ground.

Mr Rees-Davies unfortunately alighted on his head and shoulders, and, on being picked up in a semi-conscious condition, was found to have fractured his collar bone.

After being attended to on the course, he was taken to his quarters at Hotel Mansions, where medical aid was at once summoned and the broken collar bone set.

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A belief that there is more reason to hope for greater success in the 1936 Mount Everest expedition than ever before, is expressed by the leader, Mr Hugh Rutledge, in the course of an interview with the Daily Telegraph.



The above China Mail picture shows (left to right) Mr T. Uzaki, President of the Fair, Mr Tsun-nin Chau and Mr H. Ogawa, Japanese Consul-General.

Japanese products exhibition

The West Japanese Products Trade Fair was opened at 121-123, Man Yee Building this morning, by the Consul-General, Mr Heishiro Ogawa.

The exhibition includes a wide range of goods made in Japan.

Exquisite dolls, porcelain, glass and bamboo products are highlights of the show, and textiles of new design in rayon, and other fabrics can be seen.

There is a particularly interesting range of plastic plywood in colours and grains. The Fair will continue until 5 pm on January 20.

HE STOLE 158 TAPS

A coolie who stole 158 water taps was jailed for a total of 13 months by Mr T. Crocson at South Kowloon Court today.

The man, Ma Ching-chun, 34, living in a side lane in Lo Yen-street, Kowloon, pleaded guilty to 41 counts of theft and to possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

Inspector A. Low said that between Dec. 20 and Jan. 14 the defendant removed 158 taps from skimpies in the Wong Tai Sin resettlement area. He was arrested at 3.30 am on Jan. 14 when detectives searched, and found two taps and a spanner on him. In the police station he admitted all the offences committed.

He had three previous convictions for loitering, the Inspector added.

Masked men win pool

London, Jan. 17. Two men wearing masks to hide their identity and a third unmasked man were each presented with a cheque for over £261,000 here today.

They shared the top prize of £135,104 in a national football pool.

Winners may remain anonymous if they wish, China Mail Special.



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